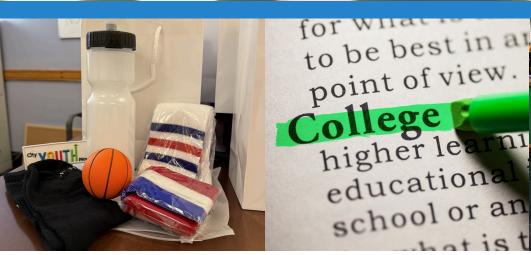
### JANUARY 2025



Happy New Year! City Youth Now turns 75 this year, and we're proud to reflect on all we've achieved-from supporting youth in foster care and the juvenile justice system to building strong community partnerships.

Looking ahead, we're excited for the next 75 years of empowering youth, creating opportunities, and making a lasting impact. Thank you for being a part of our journey-here's to the future!



BASKETBALL GAME AT IJC In November, the Juvenile Justice Center hosted a basketball tournament for their youth, and City Youth Now is proud to have supported the event! For four weeks, the youth competed in 2on-2 games for the championship, with exciting prizes including basketball accessories, essential items, and snacks. We're already looking forward to the next game!

### **2025 COLLEGE TOURS**

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Thinking about applying to college but not sure where to start? Join us for our 2025 College Tours! During these tours, we'll visit local colleges, give you the inside scoop on the application process, share tips on financial aid, and help you navigate the world of higher education.

To participate, you'll need to attend our College Prep Mixer in February-don't miss it!

#### HOLIDAY MARKET RECAP

WINTER

In December 2024, we hosted our Holiday Gift Market that served over 500 system-impacted youth with gifts and essentials. This incredible milestone would not have been possible without the generosity of donors like Ticket to Dream, Project Glimmer, Simply the Basics, Toys for Tots, and Kane-Soule Endowment. Thank you for making it possible!

### YOUTH PARTNERING FOR EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

2025 Scholarship Season

Did someone say scholarships??? Applications for our 2025 Scholarship Program are officially open! This year's deadline to apply is Monday, April 28, 2025. Our scholarships are designed to support youth who are currently or have previously been part of the San Francisco Foster Care or Juvenile Justice systems. To qualify, applicants must plan to enroll in higher education during the 2025-2026 academic year and demonstrate financial need. Don't wait-learn more and apply today at www.cityyouthnow.org/scholarship.





### 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Exciting News! City Youth Now is turning 75 this year, and we're thrilled to celebrate this incredible milestone at our annual Rise Awards on May 22, 2025! Join us at Above The Rim, located at the Chase Center, for an unforgettable evening. This special event will honor our youth scholarship recipients, raise critical funds for our programs, and celebrate the incredible community of supporters and partners who make our work possible. We would love for you to be part of this historic moment! Reserve your ticket or make a donation at: <u>give.classy.org/CityYouthNow75</u>. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

# **CITY YOUTH NOW STAFF UPDATES**

Join us in welcoming our new staff members at City Youth Now: Courtney, our Program Assistant, and George, our Program Coordinator! We're excited to have them on board and look forward to the fresh ideas they'll bring. Feel free to stop by and say hello to them during our office hours!



# George Herrera, CYN Program Coordinator

George is a San Francisco native. He graduated from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning. With a deep love for sports, George is an avid fan of the local teams and has channeled his passion into coaching. For the past seven years, he has dedicated his time to working with youth as the varsity basketball coach at a local high school, helping to foster not only athletic skills but also personal growth and teamwork. You can reach George at george@cityyouthnow.org!

# Courtney Wayland, CYN Program Assistant

Courtney earned a Bachelor's in Social Work and a Public Policy certificate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she developed a passion for public service. She gained experience running a tutoring program, collaborating with a state representative, and strengthening community partnerships. After moving to the Bay Area, she continues to work in roles that support her community. Passionate about advocacy and positive change, Courtney enjoys crocheting, hiking, and exploring the Bay Area in her free time. You can reach Courtney at courtney@cityyouthnow.org!



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