



Help Continue to Pave the Way!

King Family *Pathways to Success* Fund

Join the King Family in paving a pathway to success for our community's most vulnerable youth.

The King Family Pathways to Success Fund was created after a family tragedy by Griffin King and his wife, Jane Khoury, with support from J. Eric King and Kathy Thiel, to help youth and young adults whose lives have been devastated by a parent or guardian's substance abuse and addiction.

Griffin lost two siblings to substance abuse, Kara in 2013, and Tyler in 2017. Kara left behind two small children who are being raised by loving and supportive family members.

Join the King Family and Equinox in turning this tragedy into positive, life-changing opportunities that will help youth on their path to healing and a better future. Please consider making a gift to The King Family Pathways to Success Fund in memory of Tyler and Kara—celebrating their lives and legacy by transforming the lives of others.

On Their Way to Success: Your Support in Action

Meet C.C. and K.G., two of the youth that the King Family Fund and your generosity have supported recently.

C.C.'s Lessons on Succeeding

C.C.'s story is one of turning challenges and obstacles into a drive to make a positive impact on others. From a very young age, C.C. remembers her mother struggling with drug use resulting in C.C. living temporarily with extended family. As a teenager she was lost, alone and homeless – until she made her way to Equinox's Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth.

When she first arrived, C.C. was closed off, but



with staff's help she learned to open up and trust those around her. C.C. earned her high school diploma from Albany Leadership Academy and began working full-time in the day care program at the Albany Jewish Community Center. She is also pursuing a Teacher's Assistant Certification at HVCC with plans on earning a degree in Early Childhood Development.

The King Family Fund has provided C.C. with funds for public transportation and housing—allowing her reliable access to work and school, and safe, stable housing—while she continues on her pathway to success.

C.C. is an amazing young woman turning her life challenges into positive lessons for others. She is grateful to the King family for the opportunities they have provided and for believing in her.



On the Road to Success

K.G. came to Equinox's Transitional Living Program with no resources except a determination to make a better life for himself. K.G. grew up with an absent father and drug-addicted mother, and the King Family Pathways to Success Fund has meant that he can now see a path to a stable future. Rent and transportation assistance from the King Family Fund enabled K.G. to enroll in a program to earn a commercial driver's license. After completing coursework, K.G. was sidelined with a shoulder injury. The King Family continued to offer support, and K.G. is now back in the driver's seat, completing the final hands-on driving portion of his training. K.G. is grateful for the opportunities created by the King Family Fund and eager to "make everyone proud."

A Message from the Kings

Our family feels very fortunate for the opportunity to work with Equinox, who has shared our vision of what The King Family Pathways to Success Fund could achieve. We are also extremely grateful for the tremendous support and donations we have received from our network of colleagues, family and friends.

To date, we have allocated funds towards three high-potential young adults who are receiving assistance to help them with their career and education goals as they prepare for a life of fulfillment and independence. Your contributions and the help of Equinox have truly made a fast and lasting impact on these individuals.

--Griffin King

Thanks to the generosity and vision of the King Family and the Fund's many supporters, like you, the Pathways to Success Fund is making a lasting impact: To-date, \$10,000 has been the average amount allocated from the fund to each youth to pursue their education, career, and stable housing goals.

There is no gift too small or too big—each one provides a step forward on the pathway to success.

DONATE NOW

Thank you for your consideration and life-changing support!

