



Communities for People

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## Celebrating 50 Years While Looking Towards the Future



Craig Gordon, CEO

As we mark 50 years, we celebrate not only our history, but the enduring spirit and renewed optimism carrying us forward. We will be celebrating our golden anniversary all year—not just looking back on where we've been but inviting you to be part of what comes next. There are so many meaningful ways to celebrate with us, from creating your own fundraiser or hosting a drive, to sponsoring an event or hosting a CFP informational session. We invite you to find ways to share our story and continue to grow our impact across Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The holiday season was a wonderful reminder of the power of community. From our holiday gift-giving party to the many gift drives and volunteers wrapping behind the scenes, and a super successful coat drive that helped keep families warm, these moments were about far more than donations. They were about youth and families feeling seen, supported, and valued by people who truly show up for them.

I am also deeply proud of our staff. Having spent my entire career at CFP, I have had the privilege of growing alongside this organization from day one, and I know firsthand the heart and commitment our team brings to this work. Our recent celebration of Laquinta Bryan receiving recognition by The Caring Force was truly a reflection of our entire team and the impact they make every day.

As we reflect on 50 years of service, we are also looking ahead. This October, we'll gather to celebrate our anniversary at a special gala—honoring the people, partnerships, and possibilities that have shaped CFP and will carry us into the future.

Thank you for being part of this journey, standing with our youth and families, and helping us build the next chapter of Communities for People together.

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## Celebrating 50 years! 50 Years of Care. A Lifetime of Impact.

We are excited to announce our golden 50th Anniversary Gala: **50 Years of Care. A Lifetime of Impact.** Founded in 1976, CFP has spent five decades supporting youth and families with compassion and stability—and we're just getting started.

Save the date to join us on October 1st featuring a fun and nostalgic 1970s-inspired theme honoring the decade in which CFP was founded. This milestone event will celebrate our legacy while looking ahead to the future we are building together.

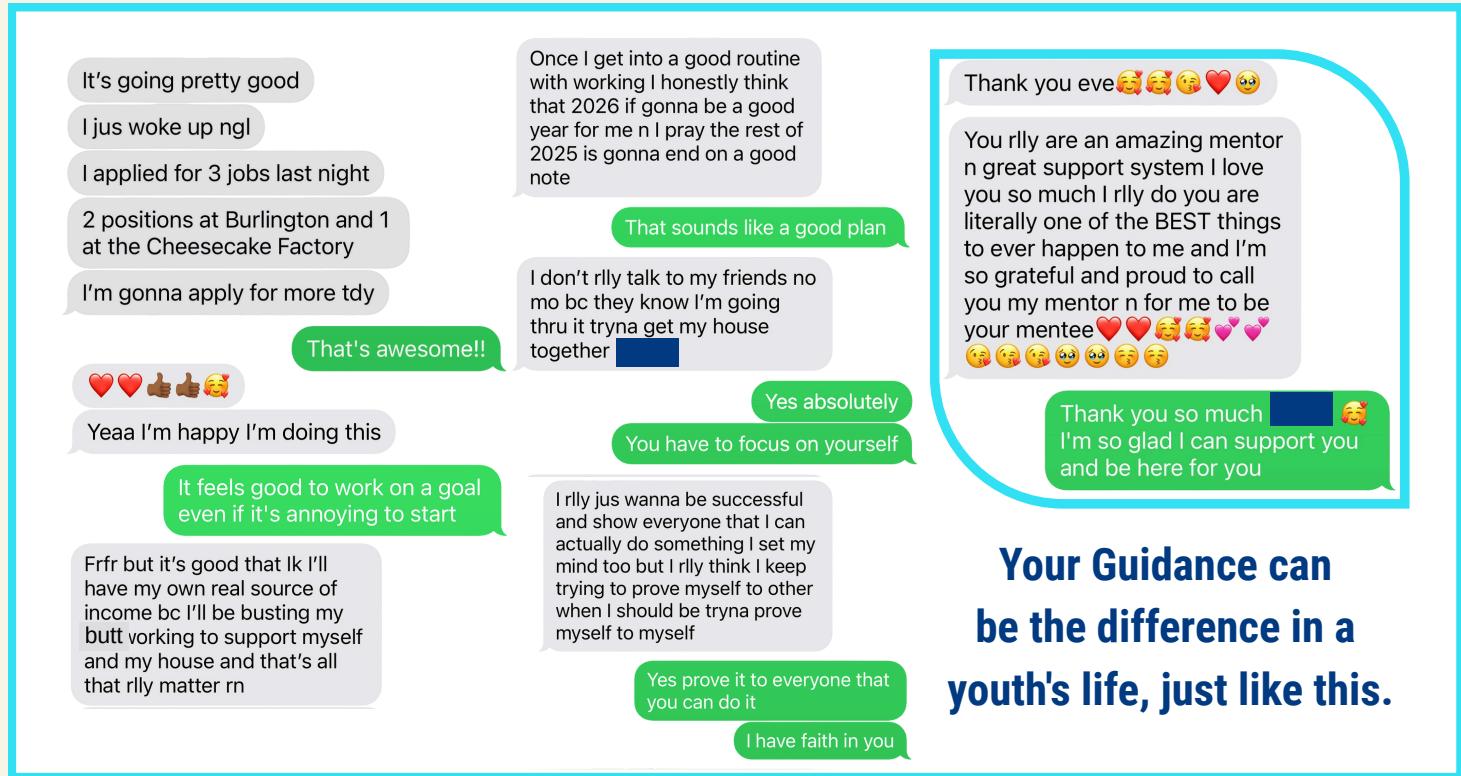
More details are coming soon. Please email [Development@c4p.org](mailto:Development@c4p.org) for sponsorship opportunities and other ways you can ensure CFP remains available to youth and families for decades to come.



# January is National Mentor Month

**January is National Mentor Month**, and it's the perfect time to consider becoming an Impact Mentor. Mentors play a meaningful role in supporting youth as they build confidence, set goals, and navigate important life transitions. A small commitment of time can make a lasting difference in a young person's life.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming an Impact Mentor, or being involved in another way, please **contact YDS@c4p.org** or visit [www.c4p.org/volunteer](http://www.c4p.org/volunteer) to explore opportunities and take the next step. The following exchange is a real-life reflection of the bond between one of our Mentors and their Mentee:



**Your Guidance can be the difference in a youth's life, just like this.**

## Celebrating Laquinta Bryan: A Workforce Hero

We are incredibly proud to celebrate **Laquinta Bryan**, who was named **The Caring Force's December 2025 Workforce Hero Spotlight honoree**. Laquinta has been a valued member of the Communities for People team for 11 years, and her dedication, leadership, and passion continue to make a meaningful impact on the youth and families we serve.

Throughout her time at CFP, Laquinta has grown into multiple roles, including Residential Staff Supervisor, Independent Living Outreach Worker, and most recently, Young Adult Supported Living Community Site Coordinator. Her journey reflects not only

her commitment to this field, but also her deep belief in the power of care, advocacy, and opportunity. Laquinta's work—coordinating services, supporting youth goals, and building strong community partnerships—embodies CFP's mission every day. We are honored to have her on our team and grateful for the compassion and leadership she brings to our programs.

Congratulations, Laquinta, on this well-deserved recognition. We are so proud to call you part of the CFP community. If you are interested in checking out **career opportunities at CFP** visit [www.c4p.org/careers](http://www.c4p.org/careers).



Pictured with her team, Laquinta is second from the right.

# Holiday Season Spotlight: Community, Generosity, and Joy

## A Night of Celebration: The Hunter Henry Holiday Party with OneDigital



Our annual holiday party brought youth and families together for an unforgettable evening filled with celebration, connection, and joy. We are deeply grateful to **Patriots' Tight End Hunter Henry and his wife, Parker**, for once again opening their hearts and creating a space where every child felt seen and celebrated. Their continued commitment to our community helps set the tone for the holiday season at CFP.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to **OneDigital**, whose generous sponsorship made it possible to provide over **100 meaningful gifts** and create a memorable experience for the youth and families we serve. Together, their support created a lasting holiday memory.



## Behind the Scenes: Gift Drives & Wrapping Volunteers

The holiday magic would not have been possible without the incredible efforts happening behind the scenes. Our deepest thanks go to the **Rhode Island State Police, Citizens Bank, Concentric Energy Advisors, HUB International, the Chorus of East Providence, and individual community volunteers** for their generosity, time, and commitment to supporting our youth. From hosting toy drives to wrapping gifts with care, our community partners helped ensure every child received a thoughtfully prepared gift. Their collective efforts transformed generosity into joy, making the season brighter for families across our programs.

## Keeping Families Warm: Chick-fil-A Attleboro Coat Drive

We are also deeply grateful to **Chick-fil-A Attleboro, Waters Church, and Parker Henry** for their extraordinary partnership through a holiday coat drive that far exceeded expectations. What began as a goal of collecting 100 coats resulted in an incredible **400 coats donated**.

Families from our FCCP program were invited to select coats for their loved ones in a welcoming and dignified setting, ensuring warmth, choice, and care throughout the winter months.





# Help Move Futures Forward

As we reflect on the impact of the past season and look ahead to all that's possible in our 50th year and beyond, one thing remains clear: our work is only possible because of people like you. Whether you're opening your home, sharing your time, connecting us to opportunity, or making a gift, there are many ways to be part of the CFP community and help ensure youth and families feel supported every step of the way. We invite you to explore the opportunities below and join us in moving our mission forward.

-  You can open your heart and home as a full-time CFP Foster Parent or a part-time Relief Foster Parent. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.
-  To connect us to Boston-area employers who can hire an intern for our Winter iWorks program, just visit <https://communities-for-people.org/programs/ma/iworks-ma/>.
-  Make a gift at [c4p.org/donate](https://c4p.org/donate) to help cover basic needs and activities for CFP kids and families.
-  To inquire about volunteer opportunities like mentoring and beautification projects, click [HERE](#).
-  Start a Facebook fundraiser or email friends to join you in supporting CFP.

Join us on     @CFPkids

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