**NextUp Program Video Three**

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- [Steve, NextUp/CAFYES staff] 80% of all inmates have been fostered children, or in some type of foster care. So, what we try to do, is we try to, you know, break that cycle.

- [Jesse, former foster youth] Sleeping in your car sometimes makes it hard to like focus in schools. Hard to like, be able to like complete assignments on time.

- [Jordyan, former foster youth] I think the NextUp program is something that is, it’s not a privilege for us. It’s a necessity. Like, you need to be grounded in something while you’re trying to figure out early stages of adulthood and all of the madness that comes with that, even if your life was pretty calm and place it in stable. So yeah, it is wonderful, and it’s more than wonderful; it’s absolutely necessary.

- [Jesse] A lot of people tell me I can’t do certain things and, I mean, I don't get that from people like Steve and Angie. They, you know, they always remind me that I’m capable of doing things, even though my situation is very tough. I mean, hearing that from other people, just helps me, like, push forward.

- [Steve] All you have to do is come and go to school, or just come and just come and talk to me, come into the office, let me walk you through. Let me show you what we have to offer. We pay for your books year-round. We’ll help you with housing if you need some housing. We help you with transportation, if you need transportation. We’ll help you get to your goal, whatever your goal might be.

- [Angelos, former foster youth] The relationship is real, it’s there. You'll definitely have a relationship, once you answer the NextUp. I’m very inspired by what has happened. I’m inspired by other people who share their stories, or the stories that I've heard. So that I now can be able to share mine, and be able to bless someone and to be able to motivate them or encourage them that it's okay.

[On Screen: Angelos’ description “former foster youth” is crossed out and replaced with “Inspiration.”]

- [Angie, NextUp/CAFYES staff] Our program, it's, it's more like a family.

- [Jordyan] Like if you look at the stars and you just have like, a bunch of stars, it kind of looks like madness; you don’t really know what to make of it. But then some guy named Copernicus comes in sort of like “Hey this, here” and like, they draw a picture for you was their fingers and kind of like, give direction to what's already there. So, this substance is already there, but they kind of like, mold it in your own eyes to see like, what this looks like. So, they give it shape.

[On Screen: Jesse’s description “former foster youth” is crossed out and replaced with “Success Story.”]
- [Jesse] To me, going to school is going to not only benefit me and my future, but also just, you know, set a path for my brothers to follow.

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