

Jeana Desir: I came into care at 12 years old, aged out at age 18.

Angela Dawkins: With each placement that I went to, I learned something new. But at the same time, I went into a deeper depression.

Betty Prescott: I was on multiple drugs. The highest dosage was 1500 milligrams, and I was 12 years old.

Jeana Desir: It was really hard for me as a person to have a voice in that setting because they always looked at me as a statistic.

Betty Prescott: I didn't understand what was going on. I just knew that I was angry. I had no outlet.

Jas Prophet: I felt really alone in that group home. I remember for the first time I met a volunteer guardian ad litem, and the amount of kindness that she showed me and care for me was incredible.

Angela Dawkins: I doubted myself, and she was able to convince me that I am something and I will be something.

Betty Prescott: When I did call her crying, she would answer. When I did see her, she would bring me art supplies. She got me a clarinet to help me channel into productive things.

Angela Dawkins: With the guardian ad litem, they stood up for me.

Robert Hurley: Whenever something tragic happened to me, my guardian ad litem was always there to support me. So I may not have been able to achieve what I did without the support of my guardian ad litem.

Jeana Desir: I know things will work out because there's a lot of caring people out there that's willing to help.

Jas Prophet: She wanted to give us every opportunity for success and also show that we could have a normal life, even though we were foster children.

Robert Hurley: I've gotten into Yale and Stanford. Those are my top two choices.

Betty Prescott: I am actually trying to become a teacher, just like the teacher who helped me.

Jas Prophet: Even though I'm off in college, the fact that that relationship and that point of contact is still there is truly amazing to me.

Robert Hurley: They have treated me just like I was their own child and supported me the whole way.