

INSPIRE INSIGHT

INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING, INC.

A BEAUTIFUL SAFE HAVEN FOR MORE GIRLS



We could not have asked for a more special home or a more perfect location! The new Inspire home is within walking distance to Riverside Community College and many job locations. The home has undergone



Sitting on the porch of the new Inspire house.

some improvements and is made warm and welcoming by the wonderful furnishings and of course the awesome girls that live there. We look forward to adding a couple more June graduates to the

home. Our philosophy is to have the girls really settle in to the safe and stable home and focus on their education. The new girls have

really done a great job in getting settled into attending college and they got jobs immediately after moving in.

They are learning the area and how to get around quickly.

The Resident Advisor in the home is a great encouragement to them and they are starting a bible study all together.



We are working on getting the life skills room/ office up and running. We have wonderful sectional sofas and are in need of some other office items and outdoor patio furniture. Please call us if you have any of these donations.



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Special points of interest:

- * New Home Opens
- * 2nd Annual Poker Tournament
- * Inspire Invitational at Vellano Country Club
- * Tabitha and Kristi Receive Awards

MY EXPERIENCE AS A MENTOR BY SUZIE ENRIQUEZ

I must admit that the young lady I mentor, Francelia, and I got off to a rocky start. I missed our first meeting, Francelia missed our second meeting, we both took a deep breath and started over. The first month was very awkward between Francelia and I. Our phone conversations were short and

polite. I asked her how school was going and she always replied "fine." So how could I help this girl? What could I do to point her in the right direction? My short answer was to help her gather information, give her lots of encouragement, and pray for her an awful lot.

When Francelia is interested in something, I do my best to help her find as much information as possible so that she knows what her opportunities are. Knowing that Francelia was interested in teaching, I took her to a pre-school close to the RCC

2ND ANNUAL POKER TOURNAMENT



The Champion: Allison Haugen

Our second annual Poker Tournament was a night full of laughter, new friendships and lots of betting. The winning team was Emergency Ambulance Service from Orange County, the defending champions from last year. There were many first time players that had a great time learning and some went as far as the final table!

Attendees were saying it was the most fun they have had at a poker tournament and they loved the friendly competition. Next year we hope to have even more players. So if you missed this year's fun make sure you make it to the 2008 Inspire Poker

Tournament it promises to be a very memorable evening. We need a strong team of eight players to give the Emergency Ambulance team a run for their money!



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The Final Table



Top Team: Emergency Ambulance Service



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MENTORING CONTINUED FROM PG 1

campus. I showed her that she has the opportunity to work in the teaching field while in college, which would allow her to get experience and to find out if teaching is what she really wants to do. We gathered multiple applications and maps to all the closest pre-schools and elementary schools and looked at pay scales and working hours. However, as most college students do, she became interested in another field. Now she is considering psychology as a career choice and Dave Camplin introduced her to jobs that she is eligible for in that profession. She is getting the experience and information she needs to make good

informed choices.

The second part of my job as a mentor is to encourage. Everyone needs a fan club. Everyone needs a reminder that they are liked and loved. Everyone needs a cheerleader. We all need to hear that the hard work is worth it and that we need to keep going when we are tired and frustrated. We need to be reminded that during college, the sacrifice of personal rest and happiness is worth it.

Finally, I never forget that my most important role in mentoring is to pray for Francelia.

I am pleased to say that Fran and I are comfortable with each other. We talk on average every 7-10 days and I take her to dinner once a month. I pretty much beg her to come to my family holiday celebrations. Sadly for me, someone as wonderful as Fran has a large network of people who love her and invite her to celebrate with them. This is a true testimony of her hard work and character. The best part about being a mentor is that I really like Fran. She makes me smile.



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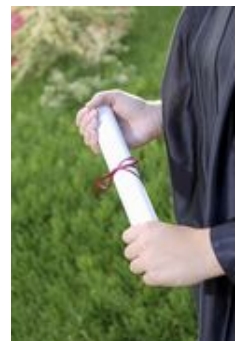
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Tabitha received a \$1,000 scholarship from Soroptimist International in Corona for

overcoming amazing odds while attending Cal State San Bernadino full time, working full time and stepping up to raise her fifteen year old sister and two year old niece. While we hope it is not a permanent situation, we respect Tabitha's compassion and desire to give her family members a better future. She is an amazing role model and continuously overcomes the chaos in her family. We would like to thank the Soroptimist women for choosing Tabitha to receive this award and financial assistance.

Kristi was attending the luncheon to

support Tabitha and was pleasantly surprised to receive an award herself. She received the “Advancing the Status of Women” award. The community support is what is keeping Inspire going. We are so thankful for the recognition and ability to tell others about our program.

Kristi was also honored as a “Women of the Year” by the Inland Empire Chapter of the National



Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) on April 25, 2007. It was a wonderful night of celebration with Kristi's husband, Dave, her parents and a few priceless volunteers attending the dinner. Thank you Ursula Mentjes from Potential Quest for the nomination!