



FAST FACTS

Each year, 25,000 teens age out of the foster care system and face a challenging world without family and financial support. Only half finish high school; two percent graduate college.

Founded in 1981, the Orphan Foundation of America (OFA) is the only national organization focusing solely on education, mentoring and workforce development for teens aging out of the foster care system.

OFA awards nearly \$14 million annually in funding to thousands of foster youth across the country who attend college and specialized training programs.

- Funds may be used for tuition, books, school supplies and tools, housing, transportation and health insurance.
- Recipients are independent students who do not receive family support and are solely responsible for their higher education.

OFA measures success by tracking the grades and graduation rate of students.

- Over 65 percent of our scholarship recipients graduate within five years.

OFA's **FosterU** program matches volunteer mentors with foster youth ages 16-22, using a state-of-the-art internet portal. Mentors serve as role models for young people nationwide, helping them to stay focused on academic success or landing their first job.



InternAmerica, a national program, connects foster youth with internships that build resumes and open doors in today's competitive workplace. Our students intern in Congressional offices on Capitol Hill, Fortune 500 corporations, and national and international NGOs.

CharityNavigator.com rates OFA Four Stars – their highest rating.
Over 90 cents of every dollar donated supports OFA programs and youth.
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) number: 11105

OFA thanks the following businesses and foundations for generously supporting the Care Package Program:



Hon. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Hon. Olympia Snowe (R-ME) participated in OFA's Capitol Hill media events.

Care Package Events on Capitol Hill

Each year, OFA students join with Members of Congress, business and community leaders to draw national attention to the promise and potential of foster youth.



Senator Claire McCaskill of Missouri and John Schiavo, CEO, Otis Spunkmeyer, prepare care packages with OFA students at the Capitol.

Gifts of Encouragement

OFA's Care Package Program delivers a powerful message of caring to youth striving to succeed in college without family support. Each year, volunteers pack over 7,500 boxes with items



donated by the business community. These Care Packages are generously shipped by FedEx as a gesture of its commitment to America's foster youth.

Faces of OFA



Sara Lea Davis, left, graduated from St. John's University in 2005, and received her Masters in English Literature from New Mexico State University in May, 2007.

Jennifer DeJesus, right, graduated from Randolph Macon Women's College in 2007, majoring in Political Science. She was an OFA Intern at the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers LLP, and is pursuing her lifelong dream: a career as a District Attorney.



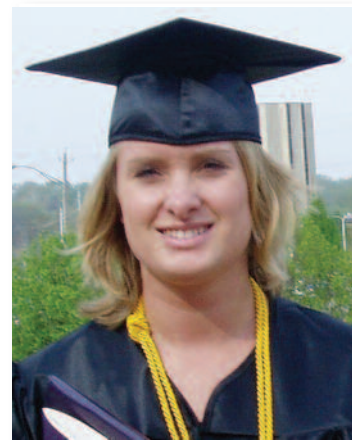
David Algren, left, graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2006, majoring in Business Administration and multimedia design. He is currently the owner of a successful web design company

Kesean Walker, right, graduated from the University of Maryland – Eastern Shore in 2007, majoring in Criminal Justice. He was an OFA intern at the National Criminal Justice Association, and is pursuing a career in law enforcement.



Shamika Lee, left, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2002, majoring in Communication. She is currently employed in the investment banking field and is pursuing her MBA at Harvard Business School.

Rachael Pendleton, right, graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 2007, majoring in Psychology. She was an OFA Intern at the ABA Center on Children and the Law, and is pursuing a career in family counseling.



Contact us to learn how you can help thousands of foster youth like these to flourish in school, enter the workforce, and become tomorrow's productive citizens.

