



Interact District Council 5160

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are Michelle Phung and Jyotika Erram, the current District Governors of Interact District Council 5160. As the Regional Interact Club, our council consists of 30 dedicated members all across Northern California who host four district wide events. In addition to these events, each year we select Interact's district wide service project. Our goal is to have local Interact clubs join the effort to raise money for our district's service project. This year, District Council selected a California based organization called the Camellia Network. With 80 foster youth aging out* every day, the Camellia Network connects youth to individuals and companies that can provide much needed financial and emotional support.

The Camellia Network was founded in 2010 by Isis Dallis Keigwin and Vanessa Diffenbaugh, the latter being a foster mother herself. In 2011, these two women, along with the help of early investors, launched a very successful pilot program, laying the groundwork for the soon-to-be Camellia Network.

This organization provides foster youth who have aged out of the foster care system to connect with to individuals and companies by building a profile, much like a Facebook account with photos, and accomplishments. In addition to that, the individuals have a list that range from needing a microwave to financial aid. Anyone can view and donate to an individual's registry, and post words of encouragement. Profiles are updated frequently, so supporters can stay updated on their beneficiaries' progress. As a result, the Camellia Network has helped 273 youth to date, helping foster youth succeed in their endeavors.

This year, District Council 5160 is asking you or your own local Rotary Club to join our efforts to raise funds for the Camellia Network. Your support will give foster youth the tools they need to compete on the same level as their peers to meet their full potential. If financial donations are not feasible, raising awareness about aging out youth and the Camellia Network would be appreciated. Our hope is that you will take the pledge and match funds alongside your Interact Club to donate at the end of the year.

Attached is a pledge form with information of some of the aged foster youth we are hoping to help this year. To find out more information about District Council 5160, feel free to visit <http://interact5160.org/>. For more information about Camellia Network, visit <https://www.camellianetwork.org>. Please contact us at interactdistrict5160@gmail.com with any questions or inquiries in sponsoring.

Yours in Service,

Michelle Phung and Jyotika Erram
District Governors of Interact District Council 5160
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*aging out is the process of a youth transitioning from the formal control of the foster care system towards independent living



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Interact District Council 5160 Pledge Form

Name: _____

Name of Rotary Club: _____

Name of Interact Club: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Are you matching funds with your local Interact Club? Yes No

Desired Pledge Amount: \$ _____

Additional questions about pledging? _____

*All checks are to be made out to **Interact District 5160 by Friday, May 15th, 2015** and attention to **Rebecca Phuong** at the above address.



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Camellia Network Foster Youth Profiles*



About: “Hi, my name is Olajuwon. I'm 22 years old and I live in CA. In 10 years I want to be a teaching English overseas. I'm working on getting there, and right now I'm chasing after all my dreams and goals.”

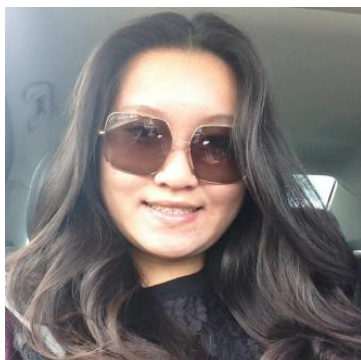
Goal: \$443.00

Profile: <https://www.camellianetwork.org/profile/olajuwon/2351>

About: “Hi, my name is Sibley. I'm 21 years old and I live in CA. In 10 years I want to be a Chemical Engineer. I'm working on getting there, and right now I'm I am a student looking to major in engineering.”

Goal: \$481.00

Profile: <https://www.camellianetwork.org/profile/sibley/2363>



About: “Hi, my name is Kathleen. I'm 20 years old and I live in CA. In 10 years I want to be a Doctor. I'm working on getting there, and right now I'm In school.”

Goal: \$389.00

Profile: <https://www.camellianetwork.org/profile/kathleen/2383>

“Hi, my name is C. Cloud. I'm 18 years old and I live in CA. In 10 years I want to be a Forensic Scientist. I'm working on getting there, and right now I'm a Full-Time Student at SFSU.”

Goal: \$117.00

Profile: <https://www.camellianetwork.org/profile/christian/2406>



*Please note that these are just **some** of the aged out foster youth that we will be helping. For more profiles or information visit: <https://www.camellianetwork.org>.