



## ARIANA MAE HATAMI FOUNDATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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We are endeavoring in our mission to change lives..

As we step into Fall, we meet the challenges before us with hope and willful determination. The darkness of summer is now behind us and the murderer who took our beloved Ariana has been put away. We ask for your prayers that he stays there for the rest of his life.

We are focused on the wonderful initiatives that we have been working on in the last year and are so grateful to the people who have been integral in making these actions come to fruition. The Radiant Youth Program (RYP) had kicked off their campaign to support foster youth during a summer camp these kids attended in Santa Cruz over the summer. These 6 children between the ages of 12-13 y/o are now in preparation to begin a mentorship program through RYP. Julie Hatami and Kathy Schneider of AMHF have dedicated at least one year to mentor a child of their own with option to continue with them until they are 18-20 years old. Foster children are amongst us in nearly everyone's community. They have...

- \* lost their parents or been removed from their parents
- \* experienced abandonment or abuse
- \* dreams of being reunited with family or dreams of adoption
- \* the reality they will "age out" of the system, likely homeless, family-less, nothing resembling stability remaining in their lives



We at AMHF are in a position to make a great impact with these foster children through the RYP; this enables us to stay true to our mission at AMHF.

Resources are needed to support this very important initiative in which we'll turn to our generous donors. These children have experienced abuse and/or neglect in the home. We aim to break the cycle of violence in their young lives by first providing a trusting relationship then nurturing guidance so that they can heal and grow into healthy minded, successful adults. Your monetary contribution will undoubtedly help us at AMHF to accomplish this.

Do you want to be part of the solution?  
Prayerfully consider how you can give towards God's Heart for  
the World

# Turning a heart shattering tragedy into hope for victims of violence

A poignant and so very honest poem - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE at its core:

He tried to cage and contain you, drain you of your worth.  
Beat you down to nothing, with relentless fists of words.

He tried to control and de-soul you, but you are resilient.  
Bamboo to his storm, bending but not breaking,  
now taking back your true form.

Courage building like a tsunami, ready to lay waste  
to his city of empty promises.

You will rise above his shallow ruins like the moon  
in all her fullness: free and beautiful, so luminous.

His hungry night tried to devour you, but you made  
your own light which darkness could not swallow.

He is hollow and aimless, but you carry life hidden within:  
a seedling growing skyward toward the sun of better things.

His heart is salted earth, his body a walking mausoleum.  
He loves control and fears freedom, mistaking intimidation  
for true power, and captivity for devotion.

Devoid of emotion, he is dead inside, and he wanted  
to bury you with him in a graveyard of lies.

But you will rise. You will shine. You will.  
You are so much more powerful than him.

UNSTOPPABLE

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John Mark Green



**BOLD. Thinking.**  
The Campaign for SAN FRANCISCO STATE

Our alliance and partnership with San Francisco State University is as strong as ever. The \$25K scholarship in Ariana's name will grow in the years to come. The proceeds from this endowment has already come to light and we will be giving our first scholarship to one young woman for Spring

semester 2019. It is our pleasure to have met the newest team member in this endeavor, Mr. Eugene Chelberg, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at SFSU. His experience and insight will be invaluable as we move forward in assisting students who have been victim's but survivor's of domestic violence.

### **AMHF IS GROWING!**

We are pleased to announce our newest board member to AMHF, Mr. Joe Goethals, Deputy District Attorney of San Mateo County. Mr. Goethals will be instrumental in our plan to make a lasting civic impact by possibly creating a local statute or initiative that directly serves those who have been victims of domestic violence. We will also focus on the need to establish a clear benchmark of accountability for repeat violent offenders with a history of domestic abuse, arrests and multiple psychiatric admissions. These individuals should be exposed to our society so that the people can protect themselves. With the help of our community but most of all God, we can accomplish these goals as we move forward into 2019.

**All of these endeavors would not be possible without your generous contributions to AMHF. Thank you!**

The enormous pain of losing Ariana has become our inspiration to make this foundation a healing site for survivors. On that note, we would like to update you and report our progress on a quarterly basis. If you choose to opt out, please notify the sender and we'll discontinue your newsletter.

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