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For Children And Families In Family-Like Settings



Education at Ettie Lee

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Manny** has learned a lot in his 16 years. This is Manny's story in his words:

Although my Mom was always a very strong influence on my school work and how I performed, school was very hard for me. I was easily bored and chose to follow negative influences. In the beginning of my freshman and sophomore school years my GPA was 1.5. At 14 I was arrested for assault and battery and smoking marijuana and placed at Ettie Lee. I always had an interest in graduating early from High School though.

While at Ettie Lee I put in a lot of effort and I was able to stay more on task and accomplished the assignments, homework and projects as assigned by my teachers. This is what led me into the right place to improve my skills academically, and to stay away from the Juvenile Justice System.

During my time at Ettie Lee I learned how to stay more focused on my academic goals. I also learned how to stay positive. And, instead of being influenced by the negative, I have become positively influenced by those around me.

Through hard work, dedication and being motivated in my school work, I was able to graduate high school with a better than 3.0 GPA at the age of 16. I have already enrolled in summer classes at a local college. My plan is to major in Social Work and Child Development and earn a Masters Degree. Since I was a troubled kid I want to help others in similar situations. I look forward to the challenge.

After my career is in place I would like to start a family. Once I have children I plan on encouraging my kids to avoid the detours I experienced, and to guide them to live their dreams.

For more than 60 years, Ettie Lee's dedicated and supportive staff have been the positive influence for the children in their care. Ettie

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Have you been checking out our weekly items on eBay? Remember this is a weekly auction with new items going up every week. [Check here](#) weekly to see what goodies Ettie Lee has up for sale.

If you need any help setting up an eBay account or have an item(s) that you would like to donate please contact James Ramirez at (626) 960-4861 or James_r@ettielee.org

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Lee's, year-round, on-ground school is one example of that dedication and support.

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- * \$50 will outfit a student with a school uniform
- * \$100 will provide lunch for 20 students
- * \$375 will provide school supplies for 75 students
- * \$500 will allow 10 students to take a field trip

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For other ways to get involved or to donate offline please contact Vicki Mastro at (626) 960-4861 or email Vicki_m@ettielee.org

**Manny's story is real. His name has been changed to protect his privacy



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