



Create Now Success Story: Frank Corvarrubias

Frank was headed down a dangerous path. He never knew his father, who had abandoned his family many years ago. His two older brothers were in prison and he was forced to take care of his younger siblings while his mother worked hard to support her family. He joined a local gang in Compton and got in trouble for ditching school and doing drugs. The court sentenced him to live at Masada Homes – a facility for troubled youth.

Create Now got a call from Frank's social worker, who was trying to find a saxophone mentor for the youth. He had a passion to learn how to play the instrument. The social worker was able to get one donated, but he still needed lessons. We got Frank free saxophone lessons during the summer through the Henry Mancini Institute. Then we arranged a private lesson for him with his favorite saxophonist, world-famous musician Michael Lington. Frank was a huge fan and knew every note of Michael's songs.

Frank says, "I felt like I was going to faint when he first came in. It felt good to talk with him because we have a lot in common. We both love the saxophone and we both love jazz."

We purchased additional equipment and music books for Frank, so that he could continue learning. We introduced him to another saxophonist, Wendell Mew, who performs daily in Santa Monica and extended his services to mentor the youth. Motivated, Frank attended Compton Community College, where he became the first chair saxophone in the jazz band. Frank remarked, "My sax skills are starting to develop to superstar level."

Frank now works at Borders in downtown L.A. while developing his musical skills. He's recently picked up a few percussion instruments, including the claves, the tambourine, the cowbell, and the bongo drums.

Create Now is here to support him as he soars to the stratosphere as an accomplished saxophonist.

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