

## Expressions of Gratitude

Grant recipients have expressed their gratitude with hand-written notes. Here is a small sample of those notes:

- Theresa was awarded a grant to purchase college textbooks. "I would have never completed school if it was not for BTS helping me," she said. "I was even able to get my books early to get a head start!"
- Yevette received a grant to help with dental work. She wrote, "Thank you for ... eliminating this barrier to successful employment."
- Julianna's car needed a new starter. She received a very small grant and was thrilled, saying, "I cannot wait until ... I can make it back and forth to work on my own."

## National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a volunteer organization founded in 1893. The National organization has 210,000 members with 54 sections in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

NCJW Sacramento is one of five sections in California. It was the first nonprofit organization to partner with Women's Empowerment to assist graduates of their program and help them with their future plans. Our members support the Bridge to Success program through donations and fundraising efforts.



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*“NCJW’s Bridge to Success program is brilliant. Your support provides the women with the safety net they need to succeed!”*

*-Lisa Culp, WE Executive Director*

### What do we fund?

Grants might include paying car registration fees and car repair costs, helping with job training supplies or education fees, funding dental work, helping with utility bills, and much more.

### When are BTS Grants available?

Grants are made quarterly at the end of each WE nine-week session. Grants are also provided at any time of the year for time-sensitive, urgent needs.



### What is Bridge to Success (BTS)?

NCJW Sacramento created BTS in December 2015 to award mini-grants to graduates of Women’s Empowerment’s (WE) nine-week program and help them move toward self-sufficiency.

Grants are provided to graduates who are facing financial challenges and need help with a one-time expense that prevents the applicant from securing safe housing, job training, education, or employment.

### Who is eligible?

All graduates of Women’s Empowerment’s nine-week session, both past and present, are eligible to receive a BTS grant.

### How to apply

Contact any Women’s Empowerment (WE) staff member for an application form, complete it thoroughly, and attach all requested items.

### Some examples of grants that have been made (names have been changed for confidentiality) to graduates of BTS include:

- Vicki who was diligently looking for work and was at risk of losing her electricity and gas if she did not make a payment on her utility bill
- Constance who had an uninhabitable living situation with her 11-year-old autistic daughter and needed help with a portion of her rental deposit and for the cost of a U-Haul to move
- Brenda who needed assistance to repair her car to maintain her job and get her children to and from school.

### Our Goal: Independence and Success

BTS has helped WE graduates move forward on their path to self-sufficiency.

