

Ettie Lee's FIRE RESIDE

Saving Lives, Changing Lives and Building Hope for Children and Families in Family-Like Settings

July 2009

ETTIE LEE YOUTH & FAMILY Services provides the following services for abused, abandoned and neglected children:

- Nurturing, loving environments, for boys 8-17, in 9 group homes
- Adoption Agency
- A network of more than 35 loving foster families
- Permanent placement for boys and girls of all ages
- Fully accredited substance abuse treatment
- Outpatient after-school mental health programs
- Evidence-based treatment program
- After-Care program

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Graduation Day!

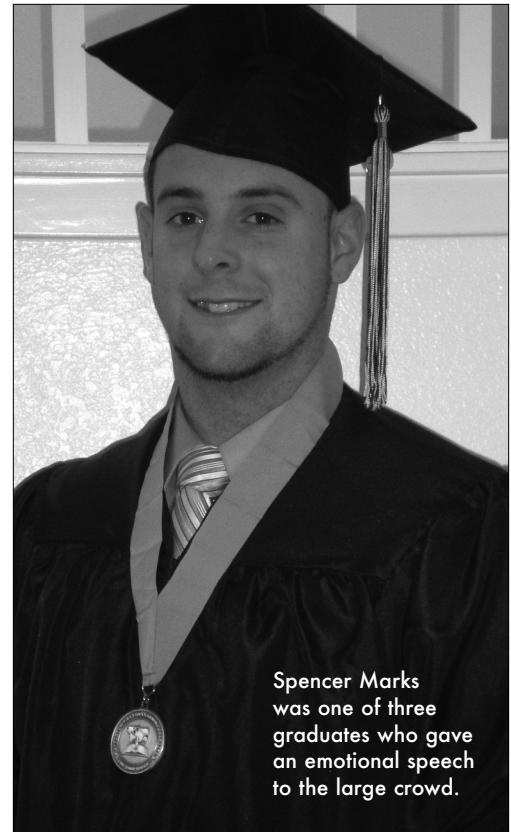
On June 8, 2009, Spencer Marks donned his cap and gown with more than 380 other graduates at the Opportunities for Learning (OFL) Charter School graduation ceremonies at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

After using and selling drugs for years Spencer turned his life around with the help from the Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services and OFL staff as well as his supportive family. Spencer's family, Ettie Lee staff and residents came to take part in the emotional ceremonies. Spencer was one of three graduates chosen to address the huge crowd because he earned a large amount of credits, had excellent grades and an excellent attitude. He has started to attend summer classes at the local college where he will continue his studies in the fall.

When Spencer arrived at Ettie Lee all he wanted to do was go home. But due to the caring and professional Ettie Lee staff, Spencer now has tools that will help him stay on the path to a successful life.

Ettie Lee Youth & Family Service's group home focus is on serving older boys, like Spencer, most of who are on probation. These are very troubled young men with severe and complex problems. An advantage of our group homes is they provide structured, family-style residential living that emphasize a homelike atmosphere, minimizing the stigma of residential care.

Our mission to save lives, change lives and build hope is manifested through our services to some of the most damaged of children: boys exposed to violence and gang behavior, unstable homes, and drug and alcohol abuse who become involved in the juvenile justice system.



Spencer Marks was one of three graduates who gave an emotional speech to the large crowd.



Spencer celebrates at a graduation party held in his honor on June 30. He is pictured here with Ron Bateman, Ettie Lee Chairman and his mom Rebecca. On a sad note, Rebecca passed away 4 days after this party, on July 4 due to long-term health issues.



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