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Message from Promises2Kids CEO/President Hon. Susan Golding

This inaugural issue of the Promises2Kids CEO Update follows our recent name change announcement. As we work on our rebranding efforts, every day we witness the devastating effects that the recession is having on children in our community. Financial concerns and burdens can result in extreme family tension. For children already living in violent, abusive homes, this tension often results in an increase in the frequency and severity of violence. While we are more often reminded of the negative effects of child abuse and neglect, we must not forget the many success stories - those children who excel and beat the odds stacked against them.

And on June 8, we celebrate the successes of our Guardian Scholars at our annual award celebration. Every day we are reminded of the power of the human spirit to triumph over adversity. We hear stories of former foster youth who thought they might end up homeless or worse and are now



The Summer Promises Concert is a benefit concert to raise funds to help abused, neglected and abandoned children throughout the County of San Diego

See Jewel perform live at the Inaugural Summer Promises Concert. Purchase

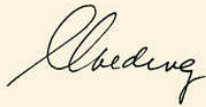
now exceling in school and considering their Masters degree. Despite growing up under difficult circumstances, these youth have triumphed over adversity and have chosen to create a better life for themselves.

These are the success stories that we must remind ourselves of when we hear words like 'can't' or 'will never'. because we know, that with the help of programs like The [Guardian Scholars Program](#), support from the [Polinsky Children's Center](#), and [Mary's House](#), they can and they will.

As you read the CBS article above, please consider ways in which you can help support the growing number of girls and boys who lay scared at night, wondering if or how they will survive and foster youth who will soon turn 18 and are wondering what they will do when the foster care system no longer supports them.

Through these difficult times, we must not forget the resiliency of the human spirit and the power of compassion to transform the lives of young people.

Thank you for your support. We hope to see you at our Inaugural Summer Promises Concert with Jewel on July 20 .



Susan Golding
CEO/President

[Tickets HERE!](#)



Susan Golding receives a proclamation from Mayor Jerry Sanders at the May 8 press conference to announce the organization's new name.

There is no better gift than one that comes straight from your heart to the broken heart of a child.

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