



The mission of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation is to create safer schools and communities through educating and inspiring children in the restorative principles of accountability, compassion, forgiveness, and peacemaking.

PLES AND TONY'S JOURNEY



Tony Hicks was just a young kid when he entered the California prison system. Today, Tony is a grown man who unfortunately has spent his entire adult life in a prison cell.

Throughout Tony's life his grandfather, Ples Felix, has been an advocate and protector, always with Tony's best interests in mind. Mr. Felix's dedication to his grandson and his well-being has never waned. He beams with grandfatherly pride and love when recently asked to discuss Tony's growth. He tells all his grandson is focused on being a better man and a positive person regardless of his circumstances. Ples knows Tony is diligent and motivated to give things his best effort.

Despite the societal and technical delays long term incarceration creates, Tony has become an avid reader and writer whose currently learning basic plumbing skills and taking college courses in preparation to be a contributor upon returning back to the community. He aspires to be of value and a voice in the lives of children struggling due to harm, misunderstanding, and violence. When released, Ples will wholeheartedly be by Tony's side the entire way as his grandson adjust to an unfamiliar environment and starts on a journey to address his emotional welfare. Tony carries deep in his heart, the trauma of his actions that took the life of Tariq Khamisa.

Mr. Felix knows his grandson's restoration process will not be easy and he will be there for every challenge in that journey. He is prepared to be the support Tony will need as he adjust to find his path for a new future. The bond these two men share demonstrates the restorative commitment it takes to rise beyond the impacts and tragedy of our actions. Their story and the Khamisa family's heartfelt acts of forgiveness are the roots that give strength to TKF as the organization strives to grow in its efforts to teach children the value of restorative principles and skills. Both Ples and Tony see his involvement with a TKF blog as a step that will strengthen Tony in his reconciliation with self as he dialogues with youth involved with TKF programs.



Tony's parole hearing has been scheduled for October 2018.

COMING SOON A NEW TKF BLOG

Tony Hicks wants to turn his tragic mistake into a restorative and redeeming path to help others. To do this he will be featured answering questions from TKF youth and supporters. Check in with TKF's Blog on our website each week for a new question and Tony's response.



**Stay tuned for the upcoming
blog launch!**

THE ART OF TRANSFORMATION



*Tommy Short, Azim Khamisa and
Stephen Short.
Thank you to The Gallery for
hosting our event!*

Thank you to all who attended this month's fundraising event, The Art of Transformation. On behalf of the TKF Board of Trustees and staff, we thank you for your commitment towards creating safer schools and communities.

Thanks to the generosity of our guests we reached 90% of our goal. However, there is still time to donate! With your help, TKF will continue to impact the lives of San Diego County youth. We appreciate your support of our valuable and much needed work!

[Donate here!](#)

"The reason I joined TKF was because I was having family issues at home. I would come to school sad and angry all the time, but all that changed when I joined TKF."



*-La Mesa Arts Academy
event student speaker*

*TKF Mentors with student
participants.*

TKF HIGHLIGHTS

TKF has been selected to be presenters at two national conferences this fall. We are honored to be presenting on our school-based restorative curriculum and its positive impacts in teaching peace and forgiveness.

To learn more about these conferences visit:

International Institute for Restorative Practices, October 23-25, 2017



Association for Middle Level Education Conference, November 6-8, 2017



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