



# TCF FAMILY LEGACY FOUNDATION

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*Creating Pathways from Homelessness to Homeownership  
for Unhoused Families with Minor Children.*

## **STEPHEN A. JOHNSON, MBA**

**Vice President - Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships**  
**TCF FAMILY LEGACY FOUNDATION**

Stephen A. Johnson is a first-generation college graduate, education entrepreneur, business owner, author, angel investor, startup advisor, and transformational leader. He brings TCF FAMILY LEGACY FOUNDATION an uncommon ability to connect lived experience with executive-level strategy—understanding both the families behind the mission and the institutions, relationships, and resources required to advance the work.

Stephen grew up in inner-city Los Angeles as the son of a teenage single mother who struggled to keep him and his brothers housed. His family experienced poverty, frequent moves, and periods of homelessness, yet his mother and grandmother anchored him in education, faith, discipline, and personal responsibility. Stephen understands firsthand how housing instability can affect a child's confidence, educational opportunities, sense of identity, and ability to envision a future beyond immediate survival. His journey from homelessness and adversity to academic, entrepreneurial, and professional achievement makes his leadership deeply relevant to the families TCF serves.

A double Bruin, Stephen earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics from UCLA before working as a research scientist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. What began as part-time tutoring while he was in college grew into Bright Minds Tutoring, an education company through which he has worked with hundreds of students, including many pursuing college as the first generation in their families.

Stephen later returned to UCLA and earned his MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management, expanding his expertise in finance, real estate, investing, entrepreneurship, and organizational growth. He was selected as a John Wooden Global Leadership Fellow, an honor reflecting leadership grounded in character, service, and impact.

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His influence extends across education, business, and the broader community. Stephen currently serves as President of Anderson Black Alumni, where he works to strengthen relationships among alumni, students, prospective students, and university leaders while expanding access, representation, mentorship, and professional opportunity. He also advises startup founders and chief executives, reviews business strategies and investment opportunities, serves as an angel investor, and uses digital education to make mathematics more accessible to students.

Stephen is the author of *Small Beginnings Require Bigger Dreams*, a book drawing upon his personal and entrepreneurial journey to address resilience, purpose, emotional growth, faith, and the discipline required to create value despite adversity. His life and leadership demonstrate that difficult beginnings do not have to dictate limited outcomes.

As Vice President of TCF and Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships, Stephen helps build the financial, corporate, educational, philanthropic, and community relationships necessary to advance TCF's mission. He supports fund development, donor engagement, grant strategy, corporate partnerships, institutional relationships, and sustainable organizational growth.

Stephen understands TCF's mission from both sides: he has lived through housing instability, and he has developed the education, relationships, strategic judgment, and leadership capacity to help build pathways out of it. He brings credibility when speaking with families, donors, business leaders, educators, investors, and community partners. His combination of lived experience, academic excellence, entrepreneurship, mentorship, and strategic leadership makes him exceptionally qualified to serve as Vice President and help TCF move families from homelessness and housing insecurity toward permanent housing, homeownership, and generational advancement.

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