# Hope Builders



### **Mission**

More than 43,000 Orange County youth, ages 16-24, are neither working nor employed. Despite an eagerness to work, many lack access to employment and education pathways. Meanwhile, businesses struggle to find entry-level workers with the right skills and personal attributes to meet their workforce demands.

Since 1995, Hope Builders has empowered disadvantaged youth with the job training and life skills needed to achieve enduring personal and professional success. Hope Builders bridges the gap between young adults, who face many barriers to employment, and employers, who need skilled, reliable workers. Hope Builders simulates the workplace, reinforces critical professional behaviors and provides:

- Skills Training in Construction, Healthcare or Business Administration
- Life Skills and Counseling
- College Credit and Links to Apprenticeships
- Employment Placement and Retention Support

### **Our Story**

"I had my daughter when I was 17. I wanted to give her stability so she wouldn't have to go through the same struggles as me."

As a single mother, Leslye lacked the skills to hold anything above a minimum-wage job. When she was 24, Leslye turned to Hope Builders. Leslye enrolled in and completed the healthcare training program, where she learned marketable skills. Hope Builders then connected Leslye to the workforce. She now is a medical assistant for a local healthcare provider, earning \$31,000 plus benefits.

"Stepping into the medical field was a dream. Hope Builders helped me conquer my challenges so my daughter and I can have a brighter future."



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### **Hope Builders**

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#### **Events**

Light Up A Life Gala Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 6pm

The Promenade & Gardens by Turnip Rose in Costa Mesa, CA

Honoring Brookfield Residential, the annual gala will feature live and silent auctions, entertainment and a gourmet dinner.

For more information, visit: tsjhopebuilders.org/LightUpALife

## Donate

Give \$10/month to provide childcare assistance to parents, like Leslye, so they can attend training and learn the skills needed to support their families.