A STAKE IN THE GROUND: QUALITY JOBS FOR 2,600 YOUTH

Throughout the next ten years, Hope Builders will serve more than 4,700 youth, placing 3,700 into employment. Hope Builders is committed to ensuring that at least 2,600 youth advance into and retain quality jobs—positions that give them the salary and career advancement opportunities needed for economic stability including:

- Healthcare Graduate
- Mother of a 2-year old
- High school graduate with no work experience
- Construction Graduate

Below is a sample of youth who have advanced into and retained a quality job for six months or more.

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Meet Xochitl!

- 22 years old
- Healthcare Graduate

Employment
I have been employed by the University of California, Irvine for nine months as a medical front office assistant at $15.53/hr.

Her story
As a single mother, I was terrified that I wouldn’t be able to support my son—but coming to Hope Builders gave me the chance to address this. I’ve gained the skills and confidence I need to provide for him and build a better future for us. I’ve never worked harder for something in my whole life.

One day, I want to...
Go back to school to pursue a career in pediatrics.

Meet Daniel

- 24 years old
- Construction Graduate

Employment
I have been employed by Miles & Kelley Construction Co. for eight months as a construction laborer at $15/hr.

His story
High school kept me on a routine but once I graduated, I felt lost. I thought working would help, but without any real skills, all I could find were part-time, minimum-wage jobs. I drifted from one position to the next without any direction. At Hope Builders, they put me on the right path by teaching me the skills needed to get hired into a respectable job. Hope Builders taught me to be accountable and believe in myself.

One day, I want to...
Lead a team as a construction superintendent.

Everybody needs an Amigo

Amigo scholarships support job training and case management for Hope Builders’ youth. To sponsor an Amigo, please call Sami Mouth at (714) 543-5105, ext. 124.
Stephanie Sloggett-O’Dell first learned about Hope Builders in 2010, when, as a new employee of St. Joseph Health, she attended an Employee Giving Fair that highlighted local nonprofits eligible for support through St. Joseph Health’s payroll deduction program. Stephanie was impressed by Hope Builders’ mission and jumped at the chance to learn more when invited to attend the Light Up A Life gala by her colleague and Hope Builders’ board member, Bill Murin.

Throughout the next six years, Stephanie contributed to Hope Builders through every paycheck. Her generous monthly support helped Hope Builders grow to serve more youth. Over time, Stephanie has sponsored 17 Amigo Scholarships!

Stephanie notes, “There are many very worthy organizations out there, but I choose to support Hope Builders because they are moving disadvantaged youth to a better place. That’s powerful.” She’s continued to give over the years because, “I love receiving the notes from the students whose training I’ve helped support. It’s inspiring to hear, in their own words, about their efforts to move their families out of poverty. This thread is similar for each letter, yet their motivations and dreams are beautifully different. I know my gift is going to be used wisely and is directly helping the youth.”

Stephanie, now the Vice President and Counsel, Special Initiatives at the California Hospital Association, encourages anyone who is interested in investing in Hope Builders to participate in their company’s employee giving campaign or, if one is not yet established, donate monthly to the organization. She also urges folks to get to know Hope Builders’ youth by attending the Light Up A Life gala or a graduation ceremony.

Stephanie took her enthusiasm for Hope Builders one step further. She hired a graduate, Jessica, to serve as her administrative assistant. “Jessica was well trained and excited to learn new skills. She quickly became a real asset to the team.”

Stephanie is thankful for Stephanie’s shining example of generosity and service.

AMIGO SPOTLIGHT
Stephanie Sloggett-O’Dell

Sister Eileen

My dear family and friends,

I am grateful for the company and encouragement that I received as a young girl and woman. The care and love you gave me help me to trust in God and in the potential of the young people in our communities, as they too desire to bring beauty into the world. Many of the images that Jesus used when he talked to his disciples about the way to live, the way to die, and the way to give the most are about being a good neighbor.

The Gospel passage that I chose to reflect on today is Luke 10:25-37, the story of the good Samaritan. It is told to us by Jesus when he tells the Pharisees that the true commandment is, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” To help the Samaritan man, the priest and the Levite did not encounter Jesus, nor did they have the opportunity to share his teaching. They were not the ones Jesus said the commandment was primarily for. But the Samaritan who encountered Jesus did, and he had an opportunity when Jesus was in a vulnerable situation to show God’s love.

Many of us encounter Jesus, whether in our own lives or in the lives of the people we love. We may be called by God to be God’s loving neighbor to others, just as the Samaritan was to the good Samaritan. In what ways might you be called by God to be a true neighbor? Do you have the courage and compassion to be there for others as the Samaritan was? We are called to be the good Samaritan ourselves.

Imagine going to community college and not being able to solve most of these 15th to 8th grade-level math problems. This is the case for 80% of Hope Builders’ youth who have low basic math and reading skills when they first walk through our doors.

For those youth who may have previously attempted community college, they find that they must first enroll in remedial classes before advancing to college-level coursework. Unfortunately, only 31% of students placed into remedial math ever move beyond it (Community College Research Center at Columbia University’s Teachers College), meaning youth can spend years never making any progress towards a post-secondary degree.

Hope Builders tackles this head-on by embedding basic skills remediation into its training so that youth become fluent in the formulas and vocabulary needed to pour concrete, hang drywall, measure medications and communicate with health professionals. Additionally, instruction focuses on developing study skills, understanding post-secondary pathways and accessing financial aid and scholarships.

The effort works; 76% of Hope Builders’ youth improve their basic skills by at least one grade level during their 16-week training program. Furthermore, Hope Builders now partners with institutions to create a smooth pathway for youth hoping to advance their education. For example, youth in Hope Builders’ Business Applications program earn 17 credits and an Office Management Certificate from Santa Ana College. Youth in Hope Builders’ Construction program receive a Vocational Construction Technology and Employability Skills Certificate from the Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education. And, Hope Builders is working with Cypress College to articulate its healthcare coursework with the college’s Healthcare Information Technology AA Degree.

These partnerships prepare Hope Builders’ youth to continue their education; in fact, 30% of Hope Builders’ graduates enroll in a post-secondary program, which ultimately helps them advance their careers.

I hope you consider making a gift to support Hope Builders. This is one of many ways Hope Builders is enhancing its skills training to make 2017 a year of impact.

Contact Sami Mouth at (714) 543-5105 ext. 124 or sami@tsjhopebuilders.org to learn how you can volunteer and impact the lives of Hope Builders’ youth.

I like the images that Jesus used when he told us the story about the man who was beaten up and left wounded on the side of the road. He described the people who passed by—those who were either indifferent to the condition of the wounded man or threatened by the implications of stopping to help.

Finally, it was a Samaritan man who assisted the bedraggled stranger—bandaging him, transporting him to an inn and pleading with the innkeeper to care for him, pledging to pay whatever costs might be involved. It was a Samaritan man who acted as a true neighbor.

Father Jean-Pierre Mabile, the Jesuit Priest who founded the Sisters of St. Joseph, urged our community “to go out into the city, divide up the neighborhoods, feel out the needs and do our best to meet them.” This year, I will celebrate my 60th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange. I am proud to have been part of the long line of Sisters of St. Joseph, who with their bold faith, have taken risks, that without God’s help, would have seemed impossible to them.

These words, and the story of the good Samaritan, always guided my work at Hope Builders. I entered a world that was unfamiliar to me, knowing that God always had my back, and, along the way, meeting each of you, good Samaritans, who care for our youth through your generous support.

For information on how to make a gift or to include Hope Builders in your estate plans, please contact Christa Sheehan at (714) 543-5105, ext. 112.

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79%

OF YOUTH IMPROVED THEIR BASIC SKILLS BY AT LEAST ONE GRADE-LEVEL AFTER COMPLETING TRAINING