

Hope Builders' 2016

# LIGHT up a LIFE

September 17, 2016

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Below is a sampling of youth who completed training and  
found employment at an average starting wage of \$12.45/hr.

Name	Company	Hourly Wage
Aidee G.	Share Our Selves (SOS)	\$13.00
Alexia G.	St. Joseph Heritage Healthcare	\$13.99
Alma G.	Sierra Health Center	\$12.00
Alma T.	Friends of Family Health Center	\$13.00
Amanda F.	St. Joseph Health	\$12.75
Ashley R.	QTC - Alpha Medical Diagnostics	\$13.25
Beatriz Z.	Share Our Selves (SOS)	\$13.50
Edwin O.	AMPAM	\$14.00
Enrique G.	La Amistad Family Health Center	\$15.00
Gabriela O.	Friends of Family Health Center	\$13.00
Jesus L.	Isidro Contracting	\$15.00
Kyle A.	A.J. Kirkwood & Associates Inc.	\$15.00
Leslie V.	Friends of Family Health Center	\$13.00
Linda O.	Share Our Selves (SOS)	\$13.00
Maria G.	Share Our Selves (SOS)	\$15.50
Mayra J.	St. Joseph Health — Revenue Cycle Services	\$13.35
Megan P.	MemorialCare Medical Group	\$14.28
Steven L.	AMPAM	\$13.00
Victor I.	Brightview	\$13.00

The below youth increased their wages by an average of \$2.42/hr.

Name	Previous Hourly Wage	Current Hourly Wage	Company
Adriana A.	\$11.40	\$14.69	Macy's
Afra R.	\$13.00	\$14.00	Obria Health Clinic
Amanda O.	\$13.94	\$15.47	St. Jude Heritage Medical Group
Arazely N.	\$12.50	\$13.25	St. Joseph Health — Revenue Cycle Services
Avigail T.	\$12.33	\$12.95	Memorial Care Medical Group
Azucena S.	\$10.00	\$14.00	NonSurgical Medical Group, Inc.
Christian M.	\$10.00	\$13.35	St. Joseph Health — Revenue Cycle Services

Name	Previous Hourly Wage	Current Hourly Wage	Company
Christina N.	\$12.00	\$14.50	CASA for Children
Claudia C.	\$13.00	\$14.00	Share Our Selves (SOS)
Daisy D.	\$11.00	\$14.00	Tidalwave Finance Corporation
Daisy M.	\$18.42	\$19.16	UCI Medical Center
Dana R.	\$8.75	\$13.00	Student Loan Counsel
Diane R.	\$10.00	\$15.00	Hope Builders Construction Co.
Ernesto H.	\$12.00	\$15.00	Miles & Kelley Construction Co.
Estevan V.	\$12.00	\$16.16	Largo Concrete
Guadalupe G.	\$9.50	\$15.47	St. Joseph Health — Revenue Cycle Services
Heydi B.	\$12.98	\$14.98	Health Care Partners Clinic
Jacqueline B.	\$15.50	\$17.00	First Fidelity Services
Jose G.	\$18.25	\$25.05	Buena Vista Landscaping
Jose M.	\$12.16	\$17.20	Demolition Specialist, Inc.
Jovani O.	\$12.00	\$13.00	H&S Marketing
Karina G.	\$14.00	\$16.00	Island Dermatology
Luis S.	\$12.00	\$13.00	AMPAM
Maria R.	\$12.50	\$13.35	St. Joseph Health — Revenue Cycle Services
Marisol D.	\$14.00	\$14.50	Carrington Mortgage
Mastati K.	\$14.00	\$16.00	Fasone Construction
Modesta E.	\$8.00	\$14.75	Health Care Partners Clinic
Ramon U.	\$13.46	\$16.96	Coolant Management
Rigoberto T.	\$12.00	\$13.00	Fenceworks
Rodolfo B.	\$12.80	\$13.98	St. Joseph Heritage Healthcare
Thomas C.	\$12.00	\$16.00	Bergelectric
Veronica G.	\$9.00	\$13.00	Friends of Family Health Center
Victoria T.	\$13.94	\$14.68	Pacific Medical Clinic
Xai V.	\$10.00	\$12.50	Hope Builders Construction Co.
Yeni G.	\$14.55	\$17.00	Ocean View School District

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## NEWS & NOTES about Hope Builders

Clark Construction, PCL and McCarthy hosted Hope Builders' annual Builders' Luncheon and raised \$134,200.

Disneyland Resort dazzled Hope Builders by delivering a \$60,000 check to support Amigo Scholarships as part of their Million Dollar Dazzle Campaign.



The Boeing Company awarded Hope Builders a \$30,000 grant for the healthcare training program. Thank you for over ten years of support.

Thank you to Sandra Ayres for introducing Hope Builders to the Decorative Arts Society and to this group for awarding a \$20,000 grant to support the life skills and job training for young women in the healthcare training program.

Bank of America awarded Hope Builders a \$25,000 grant to support workforce training programs.

Edison granted Hope Builders \$15,000 to support young adults enrolled in the construction program.

Deloitte employees volunteered their time and hosted employment readiness workshops for Hope Builders trainees. They covered resume writing, dressing for success, and interviewing. Each trainee also received a portfolio that they will be able to use for their interviews.



## JESSICA'S TRANSFORMATION: BREAKING OUT OF POVERTY

Jessica organizes her desk at the end of her eight-hour day at work. Before going home to her apartment in Santa Ana, she picks up groceries at the market. She takes her 9-year-old daughter to her first dance class—her daughter is all smiles as they approach the dance studio together.

This is Jessica's new normal. But life wasn't always like this.

Jessica grew up in Fountain Valley. At 15, Jessica started experimenting with drugs. Her recreational use quickly turned into addiction. She lost control—the drugs took over her life.

With no job, no money, and no family support, Jessica lived day to day. To fuel her drug addiction, she resorted to stealing, but got caught. She spent the next several years in and out of jail, trapped in a vicious cycle.

"I knew I had to make a change. But, I didn't know how. After all, who would hire someone with a felony on their record?"

Jessica heard about Hope Builders through a friend. She enrolled in the Business Applications program in 2010 and completely turned her life around.



The program gave her the structure and discipline that was lacking in her life. Coming to a supportive and encouraging environment every day was completely foreign to her. In addition to the technical skills, Jessica valued the soft skills she learned—how to be adaptable, how to work within a team, and how to communicate with others.

In six years,  
Jessica's earnings  
have increased  
**188%**

After completing training, Jessica was hired as an Office Assistant making \$8.00 an hour. She excelled in her position and got promoted multiple times, eventually earning \$14.00 an hour. Her wages kept increasing to the point she did not need food stamps anymore.

Today, Jessica is an Administrative Assistant for St. Joseph Health and is earning \$23.10 an hour with full benefits. In six years, Jessica's earnings have increased 188%.

Jessica's success does not end there. She just completed her AA in Social and Behavioral Sciences and plans on getting her Bachelor's degree. She also reduced her felonies to misdemeanors and is in the process of clearing her record.

Without Hope Builders, there is a good chance Jessica and her daughter would be living very different lives.

"Hope Builders not only changed my life, but my child's too. I can financially support her now. Hope Builders was a gift to her too."

For more transformations  
like Jessica's, visit  
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**AMIGO**

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# GREETINGS

from

# SHAWNA SMITH

Despite all that we hear to the contrary these days, there are considerable forces for good at work in our world. I have the privilege of being at the intersection where many of them transform fear into opportunity and despair into hope.

This year, Hope Builders will serve 75 more young people than it did last year. Next year, that will increase to 100 more annually. We have firmly planted our stake in the ground believing that

every young person deserves the opportunity to build a life of self-reliance and prosperity.

The need for Hope Builders in Orange County is ongoing—there are more than 43,000 youth between the ages of 16 and 24, who are neither working nor in school. With your help, Hope Builders is tackling this social challenge head-on. No one donation, no one volunteer, staff member, or job can solve the big challenges many

young people face in rebuilding their lives. It takes the collective power of each of us to build a solution and transform a community. Thank you for supporting our efforts in Orange County.

With gratitude,

**Shawna Smith**  
CEO/Executive Director

## PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

### Serve the People

Serve the People, a community health center based in Santa Ana, has been employing Hope Builders students since 2013.

Serve the People hires Hope Builders graduates for a variety of positions, including Back Office Medical Assistant, Patient Service Associate, and Patient Navigator/Referrals.



Leslye M. is a recent Hope Builders graduate working as a Medical Assistant at Serve the People.

“We are really happy with all graduates. They have shown their eagerness to learn and have compassion and personality for their positions. All graduates are very respectful, hard workers, and show commitment” said Isela Soriano, Clinic Operations Manager.

Isela highly recommends Hope Builders to employers looking to fill open positions.

“We see they have been given the experience at Hope Builders to strive in any position they are given.”



## Sister Eileen

### LEGACY SOCIETY



For the past few years, I've been following the “minimum wage” issue in our country and in California pretty closely. Being a Catholic nun, I don't worry too much about my personal income. I signed off on that issue many years ago, plus I've heard the retirement plan in eternity is pretty good!

Still, I continue to worry about how undereducated young people born into chronic poverty can advance themselves. Given the very high cost of living in Orange County, now even \$15.00 per hour just doesn't really cut it anymore, does it—especially if there's no path toward advancement?

Expanding Hope Builders into Anaheim this year has been a carefully calculated move to expand our mission so that we can lift even more young people out of poverty. Anaheim has—lots of young people, lots of industries, lots of jobs, and lots of will to build a strong city with safe neighborhoods.

We think that Hope Builders and Anaheim are a perfect match. And so, we're working right now with employers and business leaders to meet Anaheim's needs for skilled labor.

This week, a young resident of Anaheim told me, “Sister Eileen, I grew up in poverty. I don't want to live like this all my life. I don't want my children to grow up like this either.”

God gave us all resources to share and the heart to make life better for our neighbors. Thank you for sharing your resources with us. Thank you for partnering with us to be part of the solution.

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



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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

### Draper Family Foundation

In 2007, the Orange County Community Foundation introduced Mark Draper to Taller San Jose Hope Builders. For nearly a decade, Mark and his wife, Heidi, along with Mark's parents Ranney and Priscilla, have generously supported Hope Builders' work to empower Orange County's most disadvantaged young adults with the job training and life skills needed to escape poverty and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

“I was immediately impressed and moved by the work of Hope Builders. Our family's primary philanthropic focus is education and college access. I was intrigued that Hope Builders would allow us to stay in the education space, but would tackle this social issue with an approach we had never seen before,” Mark recalls.

The transformational stories of Hope Builders' trainees is what Mark credits for keeping his family engaged. He thoughtfully adds, “I believe in giving people a chance to succeed. Just helping one person get on the right track can have a profound impact—it sends a positive ripple effect on so many others and, ultimately, improves our community.”

With a background in Real Estate Development, Mark shares that he

could easily connect with the training Hope Builders provides youth to enter the construction trades. He elaborates, “Hope Builders' general contracting company, Hope Builders Construction Company (HBCC), was extremely appealing to me. I appreciated that career education was being given to the young people who needed it most.”

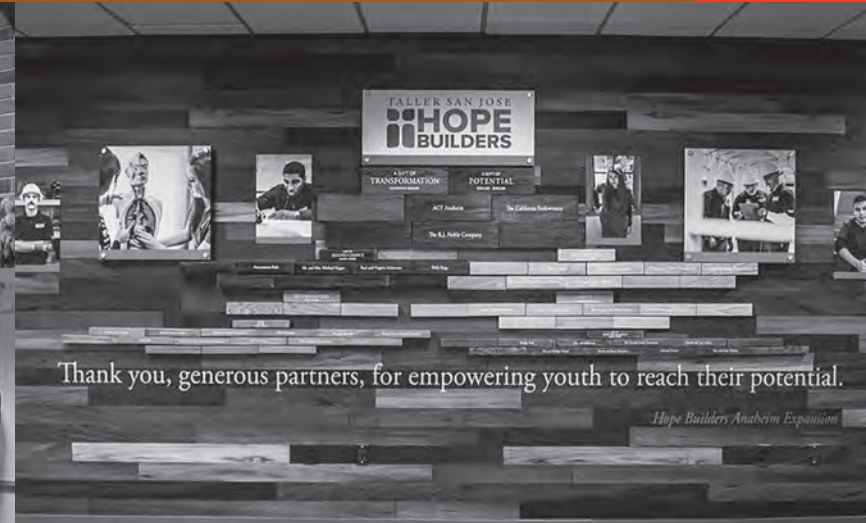
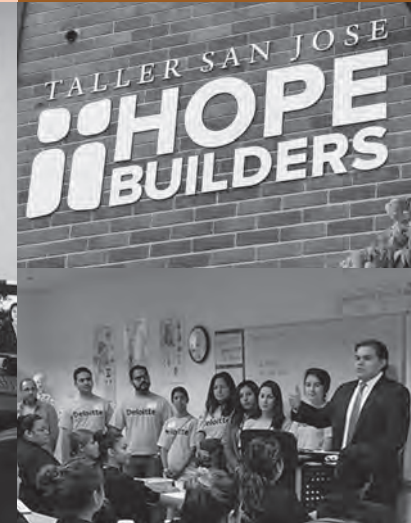
The Draper Family Foundation has also supported Hope Builders' expansion efforts and encourages others to join them. “I want to see this program continue to grow and reach even more youth.” If you are considering a gift, Mark encourages you to arrange for a tour. “I feel so fortunate to have met so many amazing and inspiring people through my support of organizations such as Hope Builders. I am always blown away by the energy and drive with which the staff carry out their work. When you combine this with the opportunity to see firsthand the lives your gift impacts—it's very inspiring!”

Hope Builders is grateful for the longtime support of the Draper Family Foundation. Their most recent gift allowed Hope Builders to secure the desks, classroom supplies and mobile laptop lab, pictured below, needed to successfully launch its program in Anaheim.

## HOPE BUILDERS' NEW LOCATION

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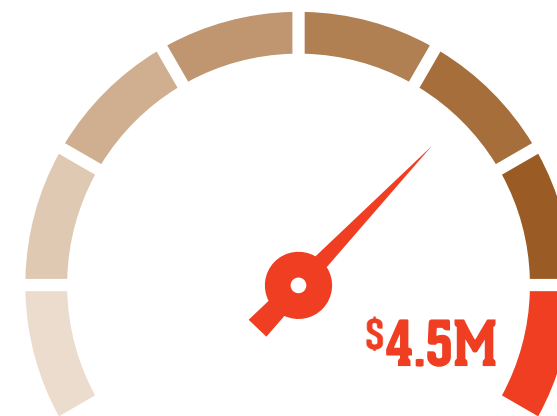
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## JOIN OUR INVESTMENT

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With our expansion into Anaheim, Hope Builders plans to train 700 youth annually by 2018. So far we've raised \$3,005,205.33. That leaves us just under \$1.5M left to raise. We need your support to achieve this goal. To invest in Hope Builders' expansion, please contact **Christa Sheehan** at (714) 543-5105, ext. 112.

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## EXPANDING A PROVEN MODEL



# 91%

OF HOPE BUILDERS' YOUTH ARE EMPLOYED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF TRAINING COMPLETION



# 86%

RETAIN EMPLOYMENT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS



# 50%

ENROLL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION WITHIN TWO YEARS OF TRAINING COMPLETION

Thank you, generous partners, for empowering youth to reach their potential.

Hope Builders Anaheim Expansion