

# Hope Builders

## Mission

Orange County-based Hope Builders equips disadvantaged youth, who lack opportunity, with the job training and life skills needed to achieve enduring success.



More than 43,000 Orange County youth, ages 16 to 24, are unemployed and out of school. These youth suffer high rates of chronic poverty, exposure to violence and diminished health and wellbeing. Despite an eagerness to work, these youth 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 bridged this gap, preparing more than 550 youth annually for careers in business, construction, healthcare or technology. Hope Builders' training reinforces important life skills—like reliability and punctuality—so that youth not only get jobs, but they keep them; 83% retain their employment for at least 6 months.



## Our Story

23-year old Edith, a single mother, came to Hope Builders to make a living but she learned to make a life.

“Before Hope Builders, it was really tough to raise four kids on my own. I didn’t think I could find a good, stable job.”

Hope Builders taught Edith marketable skills that landed her a job as a medical assistant.

Employed for more than one year, Edith now earns \$40,560 with full benefits. She moved her family into a comfortable two-bedroom apartment and no longer receives government assistance; she even purchased a car.

“Hope Builders has helped me become more confident, independent and strong.”

## Events

- **Light Up A Life Gala**  
Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 6pm  
Promenade & Gardens by Turnip Rose in Costa Mesa, CA  
The annual gala will feature auctions, entertainment and a gourmet dinner. For more information, visit: [tsjhopebuilders.org/LightUpALife](http://tsjhopebuilders.org/LightUpALife)

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Give today to support young people like Edith. Your gift of \$70 pays for bus passes to ensure attendance, a \$50 gift helps provide essential life-skills training and \$20 supports practical job-readiness classes.

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