A good job is a transformative tool for change. It has the power to unlock new opportunities, increase skill sets, and expand horizons. A good job with the right support can break the cycle of poverty. This belief is what drives our commitment to preparing young people with the skills they need to get and keep a good job — one that continues to offer the promise of upward mobility long past Hope Builders’ involvement.

I recently heard from a graduate, Reyes, who has been in the workforce for a few years. Hope Builders launched him into a career as a journeyman carpenter. Reyes recently helped build Star Wars Galaxy’s Edge at Disneyland. He is the sole support for his wife and three kids who are all thriving.

Over the past few years Reyes has leveraged the investment you made in him to reach new heights. Your support and partners like Disneyland make these transformations possible. Thank you for making the power of a good job a reality.

With gratitude,

Shawna Smith
Executive Director
In 2020 Hope Builders will expand upon the success of its fee-for-service model by launching paid Help Desk Technician internships for youth in its IT training program. This shift puts youth on a fast track to living wage employment. According to MIT, the living wage for a single person with no children in Orange County is $15.85 per hour. To date Hope Builders’ social enterprise, Jobs Work, has achieved the following since its launch in 2018.

- **Behr Paint Company**
  - Jeff Filley
  - Drew Hatcher
  - Richard Maus

- **Brookfield Residential**
  - Adrian Foley
  - John O’Brien

- **DecisionQuest, Inc.**
  - Philip Anthony, Ph.D.

- **Disneyland Resort**
  - Elva Rubalcava

- **eMaxx Partners**
  - Tim Blett

- **First American Homebuilder Services**
  - Joe S. Tavarez, Jr.

- **Fitness International, LLC**
  - Andrea Ojeda

- **Guaranty Chevrolet**
  - Bruce Hamilton

- **Hakes Sash & Door**
  - Allen Hakes

- **Heffernan & Bootz**
  - John Heffernan

- **J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.**
  - Vince McGuinness, Jr.
  - Lenarr
  - John Lavender
  - Jeff Ross

- **Providence**
  - Jo Ann Escasa-Haigh

- **St. Joseph Heritage Healthcare**
  - Douglas Leal

- **St. Joseph Hospital**
  - Katie Skelton
  - Jeremy Zoch

- **StaffRehab**
  - Lindsay Joseph
  - Sara Palmer

- **Supplemental Health Care**
  - Greg Palmer

- **Tait & Associates, Inc.**
  - Rich Tait
  - Tom Tait

- **TRI Pointe Homes**
  - Tom Grable

- **William Lyon Homes**
  - Jim Perry

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