

Save the Date!



LIGHT UP A LIFE

Hope Builders' 2016 Light Up A Life gala
September 17, 2016

Join us at The Promenade & Gardens
by Turnip Rose in Costa Mesa

For more information about how to get involved, visit
tsjhopebuilders.org/light-up-a-life

TAKE A TOUR



Upcoming Tour Dates

May 10 at 1 P.M.

June 14 at 8:30 A.M.

July 12 at 1 P.M.

To R.S.V.P. for a monthly tour or request
that Hope Builders make a presentation
at your office, please contact

Shirley Hann at (714) 543-5105, ext. 128

SINCE DECEMBER,
WE'VE HELPED

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YOUTH
— find —
EMPLOYMENT



Below is a sampling of youth who completed training and found employment at an average starting wage of \$12.72 per hour.

Name	Company	Hourly Wage
Alexia G.	St Joseph Heritage Healthcare	\$13.99
Alicia T.	MemorialCare Medical Group	\$14.28
Amanda A.	St Joseph Heritage Healthcare	\$13.47
Angelica F.	H&S Marketing	\$12.00
Ary L.	American Solar Direct	\$15.00
Atzay O.	Share Our Selves (SOS)	\$15.00
Avigail T.	MemorialCare Medical Group	\$12.33
Briana M.	MedCar	\$12.00
Carlos A.	H&S Marketing	\$12.00
Cesar J.	Hope Builders Construction Company	\$12.00
Christian M.	St Joseph Health — Revenue Cycle Services	\$13.35
Christina N.	CASA for Children	\$12.00
Claudia G.	H&S Marketing	\$12.00
Claudia P.	H&S Marketing	\$12.00
Cristina G.	Share Our Selves (SOS)	\$15.50
Daisy M.	UCI Medical Center	\$18.42
Donna R.	Arrowhead Regional Hospital	\$12.40
Edward V.	Hope Builders Construction Company	\$12.00
Ernesto A.	Saputo Construction Inc	\$15.00
Esperanza P.	H&S Marketing	\$12.00
Gabriela O.	Friends of Family Health Center	\$13.00
Geovanie C.	Hope Builders Construction Company	\$12.00
Jacqueline B.	H&S Marketing	\$12.00
Irving A.	Hope Builders Construction Company	\$12.00
Jacqueline C.	Share Our Selves (SOS)	\$15.00
Jennifer F.	MemorialCare Medical Group	\$13.33
Jennifer L.	H&S Marketing	\$12.00
Jesus B.	Hope Builders	\$12.00
Jovani O.	H&S Marketing	\$12.00
Judith S.	Health Care Partners Clinic	\$13.24
Justine G.	Open Door Centers	\$15.00
Kevin M.	St Joseph Health — Revenue Cycle Services	\$13.35
Kevin R.	Hope Builders Construction Company	\$14.50
Leslie V.	Friends of Family Health Center	\$13.00
Maria M.	Orange County Rescue Mission	\$14.00

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Maria M.	UCI Medical Center	\$18.65
Mariate P.	Pacific Coast Title Company	\$14.00
Mayra J.	St Joseph Health — Revenue Cycle Services	\$13.35
Mayra L.	St Joseph Health — Supply Chain Department	\$13.35
Modesta E.	Health Care Partners Clinic	\$14.75
Olivia B.	Affinity Dental Clinic	\$12.00
Olivia G.	Newport Doctors Medical Group	\$14.00
Victor L.	Viloria Construction Inc	\$12.00

Additionally, the below youth increased their wages
by an average of \$2.84 an hour.

Name	Previous Hourly Wage	Current Hourly Wage	Company
Dana R.	\$8.75	\$13.00	Student Loan Counsel
David B.	\$8.25	\$10.70	Stater Brothers
Diane B.	\$10.00	\$15.00	Hope Builders
Gabrielle V.	\$14.50	\$14.81	MemorialCare Medical Group
Karen V.	\$11.00	\$13.00	Shahinian Insurance Services Inc.
Leslie M.	\$9.00	\$10.00	TJ Maxx
Lizbeth A.	\$10.00	\$10.20	Ruiz Patel Medical Clinic
Maribel B.	\$14.00	\$14.28	Labell Exchange
Patricia A.	\$13.00	\$13.50	Serve the People
Ramon U.	\$13.46	\$16.96	Redrock Security and Cabling
Rogelio R.	\$10.00	\$11.00	American Auto Financing
Veronica G.	\$9.00	\$12.75	Friends of Family Health Center
Xai V.	\$10.00	\$12.50	Trap Sun Solar

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BUILDING HOPE

SPRING 2016



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VIVIAN'S TRANSFORMATION: BUILDING A BETTER LIFE

Growing up in Orange County wasn't easy for Vivian. Her parents' struggles with alcohol prevented them from maintaining steady employment or housing for their family. The lure of gangs and drugs was constant in her neighborhood. Always a good student, Vivian immersed herself in her studies to escape her daily struggles.

The burden of her parents became too much, and with the encouragement of her case manager, Vivian asked her parents to leave. "It was a really hard time for me. I felt my parents had taken advantage of me and were jeopardizing all of my hard work."

After high school, Vivian tried to do everything the right way. She got married at 18 and had her first baby by 20. She thought she was building a better life for her family.

*Hope Builders
is the place where
my dreams became
a reality.*

In 2013, Vivian's life turned upside down when her husband became physically abusive. Pregnant with her third child, she knew she had to make a change.

*Before Hope Builders,
I had nothing.*

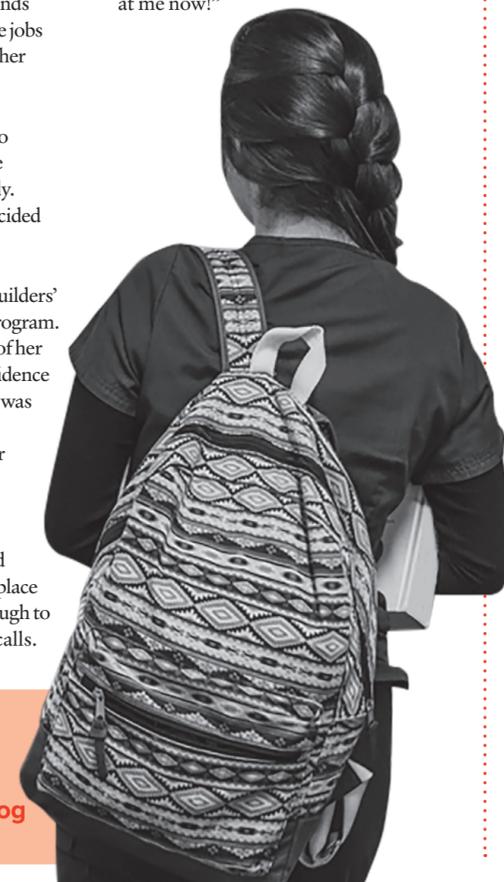
Fearful for her life, and those of her children, Vivian left her apartment and never returned. For the next two years, she struggled to secure stable housing and often stayed with family or friends while working two minimum-wage jobs until she had enough saved to rent her own apartment.

Vivian says, "Hope Builders is the place where my dreams became a reality. Before Hope Builders, I had nothing. But look at me now!"

"When two of my friends applied to Hope Builders, they tried to get me to go with them, but I wasn't ready. Almost two years later, I finally decided to turn in my application."

In 2015, Vivian enrolled in Hope Builders' Administrator and Billing Clerk program. She excelled and with the support of her case manager, rebuilt her self-confidence and worked on her punctuality. "It was hard juggling class and three kids. I frequently had to run from my car to class, but I made it!"

Halfway through the 20-week program, Vivian's parents showed up at her apartment looking for a place to live. "I thought I was strong enough to take care of them too," Vivian recalls.



For more transformations
like Vivian's, visit
tsjhopebuilders.org/blog

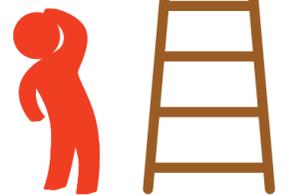
JOIN US TO INVEST in ANAHEIM

MOVING UP the CAREER LADDER

LAST YEAR,

43%

OF HOPE BUILDERS
YOUTH CONTINUED
THEIR EDUCATION.



Did you know that once youth finish their training, Hope Builders provides an additional two years of support services that helps youth find and keep jobs and advance their education?

In partnership with Phlebotomy Training Specialists of California, Hope Builders offers an accelerated 3-week phlebotomy certification program. On average, youth who successfully complete this additional training advance their salary by \$3 per hour.

Additionally, the Southern California Carpenters Union Local 2361 recognizes Hope Builders' construction training program as a pre-apprenticeship. This means that youth, who decide to pursue careers in carpentry, can now fast-track their admission to the union and enroll in its apprenticeship program offered in conjunction with Santiago Canyon Community College. They will receive additional training certifications in the skills needed for journeyman to advance in their chosen field, as well as necessary retraining enhancements for new and emerging technologies.

With our expansion into Anaheim,
Hope Builders plans to train 700 youth annually by 2018.
We need your support to achieve this goal.

To invest in Hope Builders' expansion, please contact
Christa Sheehan at (714) 543-5105, ext. 112.



GREETINGS

from

SHAWNA SMITH

It is a dynamic time around Hope Builders as we celebrate the opening of a new Anaheim training center. This process of growing has reinforced for me the importance of strong roots as we leap out to serve new areas of enormous need in Orange County. It's also reinforced my deep gratitude for those who have invested in building our strength over the years enabling us to empower young people to realize their potential.

At Hope Builders, we whole-heartedly believe that opportunity makes a difference in the lives of young people. Opportunity, however, doesn't fall from the sky—it is made. In the case of Hope Builders, opportunity is made from an incredible partnership between investors like you, our programs, and young people hopeful for a second chance. Around Hope Builders, opportunity shows up as a new job or college enrollment like those that have resulted from our new educational

partnerships. It's the result of an unlikely coupling, perhaps, and yet a powerfully transformative one. Without your support it isn't possible. Together, we are Hope Builders.

With gratitude,

Shawna Smith
CEO/Executive Director

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Client Processing Services

Gail Haddad, Chief Executive Officer of Client Processing Services, first heard about Hope Builders when a graduate, Dana, applied for a position. As the business owner of a growing company, Gail hired Dana because she seemed motivated and eager to learn.

to be great employees each year and offered to put me in touch with the employment services team. We've since had 100% retention with their graduates and plan to continue hiring Hope Builders' youth. I love how dedicated and motivated our Hope Builders' employees are!"

She was right!

Gail has since hired nine more Hope Builders graduates as Office Administrators and Customer Service Representatives and is proud that they make up nearly half of her team.



When asked if she had any advice for potential employers, Gail enthusiastically replied, "Yes, try their candidates! They are looking for careers. It's not just a job to them. It's a chance to start a new path in life."

"I wasn't having much luck finding qualified candidates and told Dana that we needed more people like her. She told me that Hope Builders helps hundreds of youth, like her, gain the skills needed

Hope Builders is grateful to Gail and her team at Client Processing Services for offering our youth the opportunity to jump-start their careers.



Sister Eileen

LEGACY SOCIETY



Graduates of our program never fail to stir my heart. A young man told me recently that his experience at Hope Builders was like a powerful upward leap on a trampoline.

"My life before was going downhill," he said. "Everything changed after my experience at Hope Builders. I jumped so high that I never landed back in the gutter. I don't mean that my life now is easy, but after Hope Builders, I've had a path. I've had a way to earn an income and support my family. I haven't been in trouble again, and I'm NEVER going back to jail. I have hope for my future."

Pope Francis recently proclaimed a Year of Mercy throughout our world because of the urgent needs among us all for compassion and forgiveness. He has urged us to look with mercy upon those who are in danger of falling into the gutters of life and staying there, and to address the root causes of poverty "so that the poor find a way to be poor no longer."

Pope Francis may not know about Hope Builders yet, but when he learns of our work, I think it will make his heart happy because he will see that we are putting into action the words and actions of Jesus.

Raising young people out of poverty, even in Orange County, is a challenge. We wouldn't dream of doing this challenging work without you standing behind us. Every day, I keep you, our donors and friends in my heartfelt prayers.

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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AMIGO SPOTLIGHT

Sue and Frank Calabretta

As a teacher at St. Joachim's Catholic School in Costa Mesa, Sue has been aware of Hope Builders and other local ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange for years. It wasn't until her brother, Dan Banis, invited her and her husband, Frank, to join him at Hope Builders' 2003 Light Up A Life gala that they got personally involved. With a chuckle, Frank recalls, "We didn't know what to expect, but wanted to support Dan and thought a nice dinner gala might be fun!" The Calabrettas were so impressed with the trainees they met and the mission of Hope Builders that they sponsored an Amigo Scholarship that night and have continued to do so every year since.

When asked why they've maintained their involvement, Frank references the proverb— Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. "We like that you are giving the youth in our community the skills they need most. Not only are you preparing them to support themselves, but you are giving them the tools to move up in society."

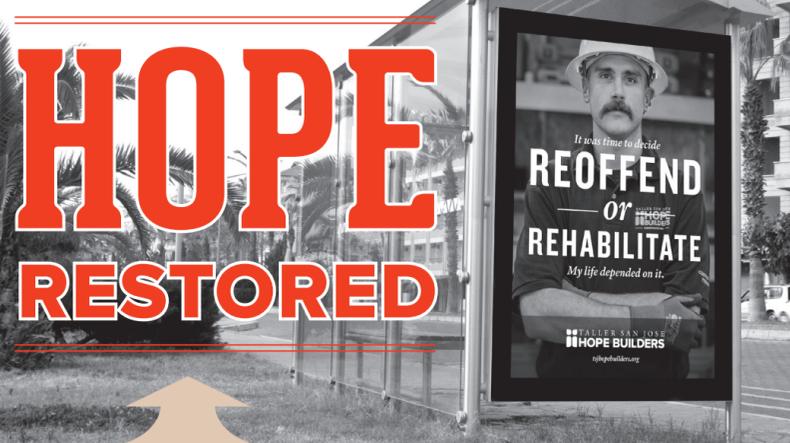
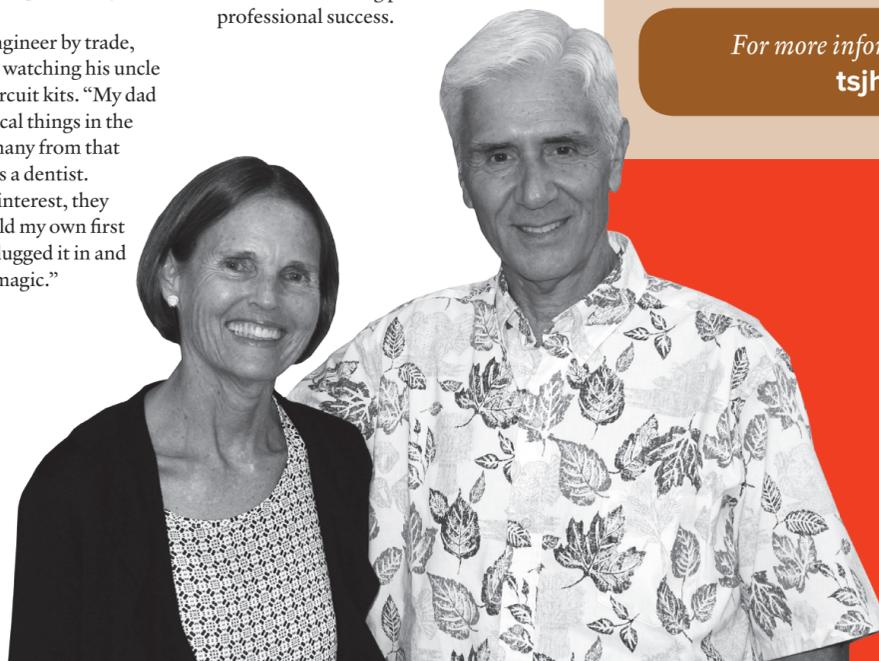
Frank, an electrical engineer by trade, remembers as a child, watching his uncle building mail order circuit kits. "My dad worked with mechanical things in the aerospace trade like many from that time and my uncle was a dentist. When I expressed an interest, they encouraged me to build my own first circuit. When I first plugged it in and it worked, it was like magic."

"Not everyone has parents or mentors that can help them cultivate these interests. That's the role we see Hope Builders playing for our neighbors. Sue and I want them to have this same opportunity."

Philanthropy has always been important to Sue and Frank. They recall times when they had very little, but always found ways to give back and encourage others to do the same.

"From the letters we receive from the trainees to the updates we receive from staff, every encounter we've had with Hope Builders has been inspiring and genuine. We are excited to see the organization grow in to Anaheim and know they will maintain their high standards for excellence as first established by the Sisters."

Hope Builders is grateful for the longtime support of Sue and Frank. Each year, their generosity empowers a new group of young people with the life skills and job training needed to achieve enduring personal and professional success.



With the help of Amusement Park, Hope Builders has secured bus shelter ads throughout central Orange County. Kyle, featured here, represents the 76% of Hope Builders' youth that have been impacted by gangs, violence or criminal activity.

Kyle is on the path to rehabilitation. He was recently hired by A.J. Kirkwood & Associates Inc. as a Low Voltage/Wireman earning \$15/hour and full benefits.

For more information on Kyle's turning point, visit tsjhopebuilders.org/kyle

EVERYBODY NEEDS AN AMIGO

Amigo scholarships support job training and case management for Hope Builders' youth. To sponsor an Amigo, please call Sami Rothwell at (714) 543-5105, ext. 124.

To see a list of these generous supporters, visit tsjhopebuilders.org/amigo