



## Save the Date!

Hope Builders' 2018

# LIGHT *up a* LIFE

September 15, 2018

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## HER FUTURE NEVER LOOKED BRIGHTER

Jazmin's future was on hold, but you helped her move forward.

At 22, her mom was diagnosed with cancer. The devastating news shifted Jazmin's priorities from building a career to caring for her family.

"I worked dead-end jobs just so we could survive."

After a year of doctor appointments and treatments, Jazmin's mom was cancer-free.

With that behind her, Jazmin could now focus on building a strong future, but she didn't know where to start. She had limited work experience and money was tight. But thanks to your support, Jazmin didn't let these challenges stop her.

Jazmin enrolled at Hope Builders after hearing about it at church. She received a weekly stipend to help pay for expenses

while she attended class—lifting some of the financial stress off her family.

Today, Jazmin is a medical assistant at Island Dermatology in Newport Beach where she has been employed for the

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past 10 months. Her Spanish has come in handy as she has been involved in helping the practice grow its presence at its other location in Santa Ana.

Jazmin thought about giving up, but didn't want to disappoint anyone who invested in her.

"To have people believe in you, especially those who don't know you... that really helped me to believe in myself."

Jazmin shared her story at last year's Light Up A Life gala. With your help, she found a job a month later and has held it since.

THANKS TO YOUR BELIEF  
 IN JAZMIN AND A  
**GIFT OF \$35,**  
 SHE ATTENDED AN EMPLOYMENT  
 READINESS WORKSHOP TO HELP HER  
 ENTER THE WORKFORCE.



## The DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE

Your investment not only prepares and links disadvantaged youth to career opportunities that transform their lives, but also ensures a thriving Orange County.



**\$360,347**

**TOTAL ANNUAL  
 TAX CONTRIBUTIONS**  
 of employed Hope Builders' graduates



**\$920,386**

**TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS**  
 through a reduction in public benefits



**\$1.3 MILLION**

**TOTAL ONE-YEAR  
 SOCIAL IMPACT OF  
 HOPE BUILDERS'  
 GRADUATES**

Below are some of the youth who completed training and found employment at an average hourly wage of \$15.61.

Name	Employer	Hourly Wage
Alma	CHOC Children's	\$14.00
Alondra	Share Our Selves (SOS)	\$14.00
Benjamin	MaxGen Energy Services	\$20.00
Christin	Providence St. Joseph Health	\$15.61
Daniel	Residential Design Services	\$15.00
Diana	UC Irvine Temporary Division	\$16.48
Eduardo	Infinity Plumbing Designs, Inc.	\$14.00
George	Sunrun	\$16.00
Jacob	JFK Transportation	\$14.00
Jimmy	SLS Property Solutions	\$15.50
Mira	Pain Management Associates	\$14.00
Odalis	Integrated Injury Specialists	\$14.00
Ofir	UC Irvine Temporary Division	\$18.19
Stephanie	Providence St. Joseph Health	\$14.50
Tania H.	Island Dermatology	\$14.00
Tania T.	Newport Beach Orange Coast Endoscopy	\$18.00
Victoria	Providence St. Joseph Health	\$15.61

To see a list of supporters who have helped these youth find employment, visit  
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IN THE LAST QUARTER, YOU HELPED  
**YOUTH find EMPLOYMENT**

**YES,** I would like to give a gift that empowers young people to transform their lives.

**\$35** to help prepare a young person to enter the workforce.

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_** to help as many young people as I can.

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# HE FOUND *his* VALUE

Just a few short years ago, Kinan felt worthless... but thanks to you, he now realizes his value.

At 25, Kinan was an unemployed father of three young children. His wife worked full-time, trying to support his young family. In addition to his financial stress, Kinan felt guilty for not being able to provide for his wife and kids.

“I wanted to give my kids more and be the type of father that they could look up to,” Kinan said.

Determined to make this wish a reality, he saw a Hope Builders’ flyer at his daughter’s school.

**Kinan never held a steady job until he came to Hope Builders. You’ve helped him become a better provider for his kids.**



“I decided to give it a shot—I had nothing to lose.” Because of your support, Kinan has gained so much.

You provided a bus pass so that Kinan could get to class every day and on time. You gave him the positive outlook he needed to learn the construction skills that helped him get the job he has today.

He has been employed at Mammoth Electric for over 5 months. One of the best days he has had at work was when a colleague told him, “we need more people like you.”

“Bringing home my first paycheck was incredible... but to hear that you’re valued at what you do, I can’t put that feeling into words.”

Thank you for helping Kinan realize his self-worth.

YOUR GENEROUS  
**GIFT OF \$70**  
PROVIDED KINAN A BUS  
PASS SO HE COULD SHOW  
UP TO CLASS ON TIME.

# WORKING SAVED HIS LIFE

Christian was headed down a dark path, but generous supporters like you have guided him toward success.

Growing up, Christian remembered his parents were always working to keep things afloat. He spent most of his time alone and unsupervised, eventually making friends with the wrong crowd.

“I felt depressed, so I hung out with people that made me feel good about myself. I didn’t realize it at the time, but hanging out with them was when I started to get into trouble.”

Christian first experimented with drugs when he was 15. Eventually, he dropped out of high school and continued using until he was 22.

“I finally hit rock bottom. I didn’t want to live like this anymore. I needed help.” Your support helped Christian break out of this cycle.

When he enrolled in Hope Builders’ Information Technology training program, Christian took advantage of the supportive services.

“There was always a staff member there ready to help me deal with any of my struggles. Knowing that someone has your back helped me get through the training. I didn’t need to rely on drugs to fix my problems anymore.”

Christian was offered a job immediately following his internship because of his outstanding performance. Your support made this possible.

Your support has given Christian the opportunity to reach his full potential.

Today he is working at Hospitality Business Network Solutions where he is earning \$36,400, with full health benefits. He has been busy traveling to and from Northern California, where he is providing additional support to a growing team.

“It’s scary to think what my life would have been like if I didn’t find Hope Builders.”

Thanks to you, Christian will not have to imagine that.

BECAUSE OF YOUR  
SUPPORT AND A  
**GIFT OF \$50,**  
CHRISTIAN RECEIVED A  
ONE-ON-ONE CASE MANAGEMENT  
SESSION TO HELP HIM RETAIN  
EMPLOYMENT



A message from  
**SHAWNA SMITH**



At Hope Builders, we believe that career opportunities change lives. One of the benefits of having a long tenure at Hope Builders is that I frequently hear from graduates who are living proof of that belief.

Last week, I heard from two graduates who completed their training five or more years ago. Both have not only remained employed, but advanced themselves significantly. Alex was recently promoted to be the hiring superintendent at a heating and air conditioning company. Now that he’s in charge of hiring, he’s reached back to offer employment opportunities to more recent trainees. Monica is now the lead medical assistant in a busy physician’s group. One of her patients is a Hope Builders’ donor. Each time she visits her doctor, she snaps a selfie with Monica and sends it to me.

I’m exceedingly proud of the young men and women who seize the career opportunities Hope Builders provides, and through determination and hard work, transform their lives. I am grateful to each of you for making this possible.

With gratitude,

*Shawna Smith*

**Shawna Smith**  
Executive Director

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TO TRANSFORM LIVES.  
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