

# HOPE for the HOLIDAYS



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YOUTH find EMPLOYMENT

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

- \$50 to support life skills classes for a young person, like Andrea.
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as many young people as I can.

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Below are some of the youth who completed training and found employment at an average hourly wage of \$15.01 between March and August.

Name	Employer	Hourly Wage
Angel	Hale Glass	\$15.00
Eduardo	MediRevv	\$16.00
Elwin	Taber	\$16.00
Faviola	Kaiser Permanente	\$17.20
Francisco	Pan American Properties	\$20.00
Ivon	HealthCare Partners	\$15.44
Jazmin	St. Joseph Heritage Healthcare	\$15.60
Jennifer	Western Dental	\$15.50
Jocelyn	UCI Temporary Division	\$18.92
Kimberly	UCI Temporary Division	\$19.30
Maria	UCI Temporary Division	\$18.54
Maritza	MemorialCare Medical Group	\$16.00
Monica	Advanced Dynamic Therapies	\$16.00
Pablo	Taber	\$17.00
Sergio	Savanna School District	\$20.83

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# BUILDING HOPE

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## A message from SHAWNA SMITH

Dear Friends,

Our vision at Hope Builders is an Orange County where all young people have the skills to thrive economically. To that end, Hope Builders is focused on walking youth out of poverty — empowering young adults with the skills they need to connect to good paying jobs and helping employers build a skilled, reliable workforce. We are singularly focused on building the foundational work readiness that gets young adults onto the highway to higher wages from which they can advance their careers, education and build prosperity.

Just recently, I reconnected with a young woman on Facebook, Veronica, who trained at Hope Builders in 2008. She struggled after high school and ultimately turned to drug use. She eventually found her way to Hope Builders and completed the Business program. Ten years later, she is a wife and mother with an MBA and a career in substance abuse recovery.

Your support is what makes this vision a reality.

With gratitude,

*Shawna Smith*

Shawna Smith  
Executive Director

## BUILDING A FUTURE

Going home to care for her daughter after a productive day of work, Andrea is living the life she never thought possible. Sober for two years and preparing to move into her own apartment with her 3-year-old, Andrea wants to maximize the second chance she's been given.

Growing-up, Andrea's family moved frequently, and she was never in one place long enough to make friends. Battling depression, Andrea found solace in going with her dad to work at construction sites on the weekend. Working with her hands helped her take her mind off her loneliness.

At 13, Andrea started experimenting with drugs to connect with her peers and was quickly overtaken by addiction. "I was more interested in drugs than anything else," she says.

On a downward spiral, Andrea's grades plummeted, and she was kicked out of school.

With no direction, she had some run-ins with the law and spent her time in and out of jail. At 19, and behind bars, she gave birth to her daughter. Once released Andrea continued to use drugs and didn't have much hope for herself or her ability to raise her daughter. "I thought I would end up in the gutter and my daughter wouldn't know me because of my poor choices," she says.

When her daughter turned 9 months old, Andrea went to rehab and her counselor told her about Hope Builders. Recalling her fond memories of working with her dad on construction sites, Andrea applied.

"I wanted to do something related to construction," she recalls.

While at Hope Builders, Andrea learned more than the art of the construction trade. "Hope Builders gave me a new perspective and respect for myself," she says.

Thanks to the training and life skills support she received at Hope Builders,

*"Hope Builders helped me stand on my own two feet, my family's life will never be the same."*

Andrea is now an Electrician at Sunwest Electric making \$15/hour and will become the second female in the company to work out in the field. "I have showed my boss that I can keep up with the guys," says Andrea.

Becoming a valued employee and aspiring to grow in her role, Andrea is taking classes to become a journeyman. "I see myself advancing in this company and increasing my income," she says.

Andrea and her daughter are moving out on their own. "Hope Builders helped me stand on my own two feet, my family's life will never be the same," says Andrea.



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Other champions of Hope Builders include Bridget Ford and the Light Up A Life Committee, who created a magical evening for nearly 500 guests.

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**CORPORATE INVESTMENT TRANSFORMS LIVES**



Behr Paint Company leadership, including Jeff Filley, president; Drew Hatcher, director of contract management; Candice York, senior director, talent & organizational development; and others presents \$25,000 check to John Puckett, training supervisor for Hope Builders’ Construction Training Program and trainees.

From the top down, businesses like Behr Paint Company, who have a national footprint with a local presence, are pursuing creative ways to make their commitment to break down barriers and build a diverse workforce a reality.

Recognizing the potential of Hope Builders’ youth as Orange County’s future workforce, Behr Paint Company and its parent company, Masco Corporation, are incorporating the organization’s mission into their corporate culture.

Youth toured Behr’s state-of-the-art R&D facility, manufacturing and distribution centers, and the national trainer for “Behr University” donated his time to train youth on paint production and demonstrated various methods of painting for construction.

“The wonderful part about Hope Builders is that youth are learning a trade related to our product,” says Jeff Filley, president.

In addition to providing paint brushes and tools, Behr continues to give unlimited paint to the construction training program.

Behr’s leadership team wants to get to know the young people they are supporting. That’s why they recently invited the current class of construction trainees to their facility in Santa Ana.

“We believe Hope Builders is truly helping the people who deserve it,” says Drew Hatcher, director of contract management. “Our partnership, which incorporates philanthropy, education and community involvement, aligns with our philosophy,” he says.

Investing \$25,000 as a premier sponsor of Light Up A Life is a testament to the commitment Behr Paint Company is making to advance Hope Builders’ mission.

With corporate enterprises like Behr aligning its business practices to support Hope Builders, more youth will be linked to careers that transform their lives.

*Your time and treasure has the power to transform lives. Consider giving today or getting involved.*

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