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Hope Builders' 2019

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You helped Terry become the father and husband he always wanted to be.

When he was in elementary school, Terry's family moved into a gang-ridden neighborhood in Santa Ana. He recalls "just trying to survive" most of his youth because his neighborhood was right in the middle of notorious gang rivals. Somehow, Terry mostly avoided trouble.

Later in life, Terry got involved in the party scene and started working at a nightclub as a DJ, security guard, and server. His sporadic schedule and lack of benefits made it difficult to support and spend time with his wife and daughter.

"I didn't feel like anything was in place to help myself or family."

When Terry acknowledged his daughter was at an age to understand what his job was, he wanted change. At 28, Terry saw Hope Builders as an opportunity to have a secure future for his family and enrolled in the Business Applications program.

THANKS TO YOUR BELIEF IN TERRY AND

A GIFT OF \$35,

HE PARTICIPATED IN EMPLOYMENT READINESS WORKSHOPS, WHICH HELPED HIM SECURE THE JOB HE HAS TODAY.

"Hope Builders takes the extra step to help you overcome personal challenges," he said.

Terry applied everything he learned and after successfully completing the training, Hope Builders connected him to full-time employment. Today, Terry works at AAA as a customer service representative,

earning \$17.36/hour with full benefits and opportunities for upward mobility.

"If you do the work and really apply yourself, there's nothing Hope Builders won't help you with." Terry is happy he put the nightlife scene behind him and is charting a brighter path for his family.

"I put my trust in Hope Builders and it is one of the best choices I have made."



A message from **SHAWNA SMITH**

The minute I first walked into the Hope Builders' lobby 20 years ago, I knew, in the deepest part of myself, that it was some place special. I felt compelled to be part of it. I hear frequently from others a similar pull to be involved and to support the good work going on in our programs. Why is Hope Builders so special? At Hope Builders, we aren't putting Band-Aids on problems; we are transforming them into opportunity. We could be satisfied with writing resumes and offering workshops, but we know that won't result in the kind of change young people in Orange County need to emerge out of poverty. Our strength as an organization comes from both the expertise gained over twenty-three years of experience AND our ability to evolve so that we can effectively support young people and prepare them to meet the changing demands of employers. We are not interested in "good enough" for young people in our community. We are committed to career opportunities that change lives. Your involvement makes that possible.

With gratitude,

Shawna Smith

Shawna Smith
Executive Director

Below are some of the youth who completed training and found employment at an average hourly wage of \$14.00.

Name	Employer	Hourly Wage
Andrea	Providence St. Joseph Health	\$15.25
Cassandra	NeoGenomics	\$15.00
Christian	Head and Neck Associates	\$15.00
Christin	Stonebridge Adult Medicine	\$14.00
Cynthia	SoCal Dental	\$15.00
Elizabeth	Bosley Medical — Newport Beach	\$15.00
Faviola	Pathways Community Services	\$15.00
Janet	St. Jude Heritage Medical Group	\$15.61
Jonathan	Share Our Selves (SOS)	\$14.00
Lucero	Anaheim Urgent Care	\$16.00
Marcos	Island Dermatology	\$14.00
Maria G.	Pain Specialists of Orange County	\$14.00
Maria J.	Far West	\$16.50
Oscar	ProTec Building Services	\$16.50
Patrick	Parcel Pending	\$15.00
Stefany	La Amistad Family Health Center	\$15.00
Yajayra	MemorialCare Medical Group	\$16.00
Yaritza	Lambda Optics	\$14.00

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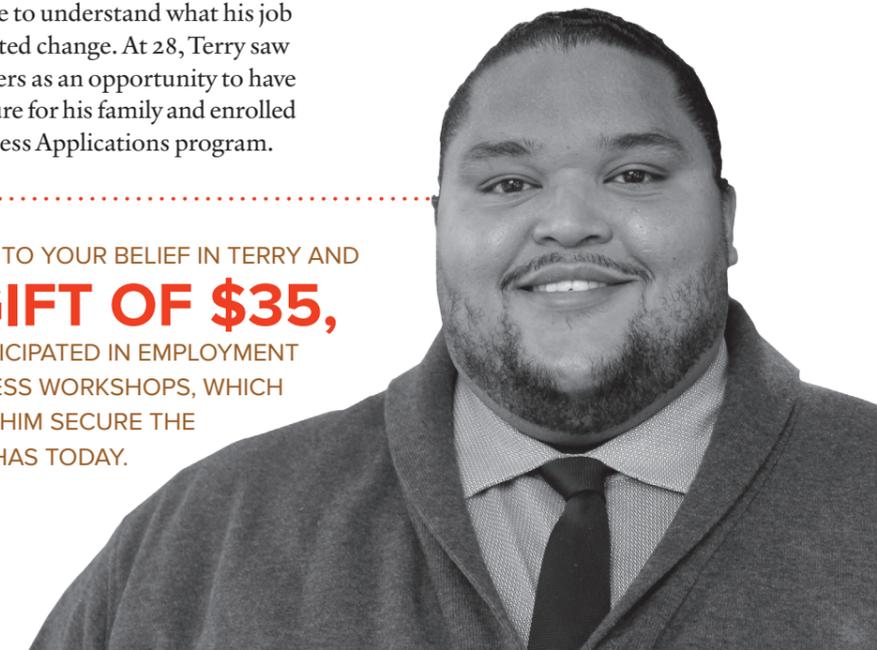
YES, I would like to give a gift that empowers young people to transform their lives.

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

\$_____ to help as many young people as I can.

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DRIVEN *to* SUCCEED

After becoming a teen mom, Lucero's childhood dream of working in the medical field seemed impossible. Thanks to you, her dream is now a reality.

Lucero had her son at 15. Despite this, she was determined to graduate high school on time. She remembers making the four mile walk to and from school with her son every day.

"It was hard being a teenage parent," Lucero said. "I felt like no one was by my side."

The stress of being a single mother and not having family support was overwhelming. At times Lucero felt like giving up.

When Lucero's high school counselor told her about Hope Builders, she saw a glimmer of hope. Enrolling in the program seemed the best way to fulfill her dreams.

"At Hope Builders I learned the necessary skills to succeed in the medical field," she said. "I feel prepared to perform well and be successful in my career."

In addition to the training, Lucero met with her case manager weekly to set goals and address personal issues. The support services she received also helped Lucero mend her relationship with her family.

Today, Lucero works full-time as a medical assistant at Anaheim Urgent Care where she earns \$16/hour with full benefits. She aspires to become a labor and delivery nurse, so she can help mothers have beautiful experiences with their deliveries.

Because of your generosity, Lucero no longer feels alone. Your support helped her get closer to her career goals.

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to become the person I was meant to be; you changed my life."

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BECAUSE OF YOUR
SUPPORT AND A
GIFT OF \$50,
LUCERO UTILIZED
SUPPORT SERVICES
THAT HELPED HER STAY
ON TRACK DURING
TRAINING AND RETAIN
HER EMPLOYMENT.

A BEACON OF HOPE

Almost twenty-five years ago the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange founded Hope Builders in a building that is now nearly 100 years old. This building originally sat behind a church and housed a Youth Center and church offices. It's had numerous lives during that time until 1995 when the Sisters of St. Joseph returned it to its original purpose.

After many years of wear and tear from use, lots of things have needed replacing — most recently a large six-panel window that was rotting from sun and rain damage. Two years ago, on the eve of our founder's, Sister Eileen McNerney, 60th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange, inspiration struck. With the help of the incredible Judson Studios, we created a second life for this window to both honor our founding and inspire those we serve.

Since 1897, Judson Studios has designed and fabricated stained glass for architectural spaces and houses of worship all around

the world. More recently they pioneered the cutting-edge utilization of fused glass — a technique that brings together layers of colorful glass through heat, producing an effect not previously possible with traditional stained glass. The Hope Builders' window is the first of this type in Orange County.

In the front lobby near the window the following dedication appears:

In 1995, a small group of Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange moved into the heart of Santa Ana. There they witnessed young people struggling to find their way out of poverty. True to their charisma, this mobilized them into action. With the help of numerous others, Taller San Jose Hope Builders was born. We dedicate this vibrant window, which depicts an inspiring image of hope, redemption, and possibility for young people in our community, to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange for their tireless efforts on behalf of the youth of Orange County.



To schedule a tour to see the window, please contact Aaliyah Hayes at (714) 543-5105 ext. 125 or ahayes@tsjhopebuilders.org

We especially thank those donors whose financial gifts made this window and a significant investment to our Sustainability Fund possible.



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