

HOPE BUILDERS

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SINCE MAY, YOU'VE HELPED
YOUNG PEOPLE START CAREERS

YES, I would like to give a gift that moves a young person from poverty to prosperity.

- \$50 to help prepare young people, like Katie, to enter the workforce
- \$_____ to help as many young people as I can.

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Below are some of the young people who completed training and found employment at an average hourly wage of \$19.06.

Name	Employer	Hourly Wage
Aaliyah G.	Providence	\$19.00
Alejandra G.	Footprints Behavioral Interventions	\$22.00
Carlos M.	Pan Pacific	\$18.50
Cesar H.	24HRC	\$17.00
Eric B.	First Rate Remodeling, Inc.	\$17.00
Jeffrey M.	A.J. Kirkwood & Associates, Inc.	\$21.00
Jessica O.	A.J. Kirkwood & Associates, Inc.	\$20.00
Katie A.	A.J. Kirkwood & Associates, Inc.	\$20.00
Maria M.	Providence	\$19.64
Maria S.	Footprints Behavioral Interventions	\$22.00
Monserrat B.	MemorialCare Medical Group	\$17.75
Nancy C.	Argus Medical Management, LLC	\$18.00
Ricardo Q.	24HRC	\$17.00
Samantha L.	Footprints Behavioral Interventions	\$22.00
Seth P.	Providence	\$19.00

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KATIE: A HOPE BUILDERS SUCCESS STORY



APPLICANT
SEVERAL DAYS
TO MONTHS

After years of working as a graveyard security guard or server, at 25, Katie applied to Hope Builders. She felt run down and discouraged trying to support herself, her sister and her niece, with whom she shared an apartment in a run-down neighborhood in Santa Ana. Katie wanted to ensure her niece could grow up in a safer neighborhood, with fewer struggles.

TRAINEE
12 WEEKS
TO 12 MONTHS

Inspired by her uncle's career, Katie dreamed of becoming an electrician. During Hope Builders' construction training program, "I was given the tools to change my life," Katie recalls. She finally felt like she was building the foundation for a brighter future. With the support of her mentors and instructors, Katie excelled, and her confidence grew each week. Katie also worked with her Hope Builders' mentor to make a budget and establish savings goals that enabled her to purchase her own car.

CAREER BUILDER
SEVERAL DAYS
TO 6 MONTHS

Katie successfully completed training and started working with Hope Builders Career Connections (HBCC)—the program's staffing agency—to launch her career. A.J. Kirkwood & Associates (AJK), impressed by Katie's go-getter attitude, hired her as a laborer. Today Katie earns \$20/hr. She's out in the field and loving every minute of it despite her long commute to her project site in L.A. and the 5 a.m. shift start time! "Hope Builders changed my life; thank you from the bottom of my heart."

HOPE BUILDER
6 MONTHS

Thanks to your support, Katie is on track for a successful career as an electrician. Over the past two months of employment, both Katie and her supervisor, Carlos Bello, have received follow-up support from HBCC. Carlos shares, "Katie continues to impress me and her crew members at AJK. We look forward to seeing her excel!"

To learn more about Katie's pathway to prosperity visit:
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A message from
SHAWNA SMITH

When I think back on my early employment history as a teenager and young adult, it's hard not to cringe a little. I learned so many valuable lessons through the mistakes I made and received guidance

from good mentors that I still carry with me many years later. One of those cringe-worthy life lessons involves me, my mother, and a bear costume. Intrigued?

During one summer when I was 15 years old, I was hired to dress up as the bear mascot for a country radio station by a friend of my parents who was the station manager. As the radio station mascot I'd make short 1–2 hour appearances at community events and business openings. I'd shake hands, interact with the kids, and pass out Cubby the Bear headshots. Sounds like a great summer job, right?

Because I was only 15, my mom had to drive me to each event which offered her the opportunity to stay and watch me at work ... and make comments ... and let everyone else know I was her daughter. Thank goodness this all happened prior to cell phone cameras, TikTok, and Instagram Reels. Lesson learned — do not have a

job where your mom can come and watch and give feedback in real time.

I'm curious to know what YOUR first day was like. I've shared my story as part of our **10 Days for Launching Careers** fundraiser leading up to Labor Day. Join me in reminiscing about those long forgotten work life bloopers that left an impression on you by posting a video, too. Help us to spread the word, make a contribution, and support the impactful work of Hope Builders.

With gratitude,

Shawna Smith

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Funds raised from **10 Days for Launching Careers** will be used to move our students through mentored training programs to skilled employment. In addition to your financial support, we're asking for your "first day of work" story. Everyone has one, often rich with laughter, surprise, stress, or just plain crazy. Take a look at the first few videos we've gathered, then see how to share yours. Best of all, end your video with an invitation to a colleague, friend or family member to then tell their first day of work story. We'll make sure they receive the nudge.

Send your video to Hope Builders by scanning the QR code



Learn more about 10 Days for Launching Careers at
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*As of August 4, 2022