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SINCE AUGUST, YOU'VE HELPED **50**
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 Ana, 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 \$20.18.

Name	Employer	Hourly Wage
Adriana O.	Providence	\$25.00
Ana G.	MemorialCare Medical Group	\$21.00
Cesario V. S.	Clark Construction	\$20.00
Damon O.	The Raymond Group	\$19.00
Fredi R.	Control Air	\$17.00
Halima H.	Providence	\$23.00
Jazmin C.	ABA Enhancement	\$24.00
Jenny M.	Coastline Orthopaedic Associates	\$17.50
Jessica S.	Port View Preparatory	\$18.50
Leilani A.	Providence	\$25.00
Luis A.	Clark Construction	\$22.00
Miguel M.	The Raymond Group	\$19.00
Milagros R.	ABA Enhancement	\$19.00
Natalie L.	Providence	\$24.00
Yaneli O.	Coastline Orthopaedic Associates	\$17.50

To see a list of donors who supported youth with the mentorship, training and skills needed to find employment, visit tsjhopebuilders.org/amigo

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ANA: A HOPE BUILDERS SUCCESS STORY



APPLICANT

Ana got pregnant at 16 and was subsequently disowned by her father. Her self-esteem and mental health suffered for many years. Despite working over 40 hours each week Ana was still living paycheck to paycheck. "I wanted to go back to school and start my career in the medical field, I just didn't know how." At 23, Ana applied to Hope Builders for the third time, finally ready to commit to the program.

TRAINEE

During her 20-week training program, Ana shares "the staff helped me overcome my battle with self-confidence. It's so different than any other program because they provided me unconditional support to achieve my goals and start a career." She continued to work to support her son and admits, "it was a struggle, but with the support I received, I was able to finish the program."

CAREER BUILDER

Ana's hard work and skills mastery so impressed her medical assisting externship site that she was offered a position upon successfully completing Hope Builders' training program. She'll receive regular support — to ensure her continued progression for her first six months of employment.

HOPE BUILDER

Today, Ana is working as a medical assistant at MemorialCare Medical Group earning \$21/hour. "Now I work at a job that pays me well. Hope Builders changed my life. Thank you, I'm able to have a career and be successful in life."

To hear more of Ana's **Story of Hope**, scan here.





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AMIGO SPOTLIGHT: PAUL OHTA

Paul first learned of Hope Builders in 1999 after joining St. Joseph Health System as a senior financial analyst.

“I’m inspired by Hope Builders’ trainees and their dedication to making their lives better. They understand that the mentorship, life and job skills training they receive is a pathway to a career, and ultimately a new life. It means a lot to them, and they take this opportunity very seriously.”

Over the years—in various finance, strategy and business development positions—Paul worked with several alumni who were also staff members at St. Joseph Health. He watched their careers progress from entry level jobs to tenured positions as they took on additional responsibilities, learned new skills and gained more experience.

“Hope Builders’ graduates were some of our hardest working and most dedicated employees—not to mention fun to work with!” he said.

For over 20 years, Paul generously supported Hope Builders, and other ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph, through the St. Joseph Health Employee Campaign. After moving to a new

company in September 2022, it was important for Paul to continue supporting Hope Builders’ mission and help the program serve more young adults. This year, he increased his investment to provide a trainee with an Amigo scholarship.

In addition to his monthly financial support, Paul also serves as a volunteer. He regularly participates in both Connect Over Coffee networking socials and Virtual Mock Interviews.

“My time spent with the trainees has been so much fun. They are all so well prepared and professional, and they all want to show off what they have accomplished. I get to see how excited they are to be part of Hope Builders. I’ve had a blast and look forward to participating again in the future!”

Paul went on to share, “I am proud to be a supporter of Hope Builders. By creating new pathways and opportunities, Hope Builders brings such good to our community, the trainees and their families, and to employers.”

Many thanks, Paul, for all the wonderful support you provide our young adults on their journeys to prosperity!

To learn more about Paul and ways you can join him as a volunteer, visit tsjhopebuilders.org/blog



A message from SHAWNA SMITH

Young people come to Hope Builders because they are stuck. Stuck in a low wage job without the skills to do better. Stuck in an unhealthy relationship without another means of support. Stuck by their background or lack of childcare or unreliable transportation.

While their reasons for coming may be varied, young people know that Hope Builders offers the mentoring, skills and support needed to get unstuck. We know this because our previous students and their families are the largest source of future trainees.

At Hope Builders, young people chip away at their bucket list, set goals, reinforce their

foundation, and move forward. It’s the first transformative step on a pathway from poverty to prosperity.

Speaking from my own experience, the first step is the hardest in any journey worth taking. I thank you for the ways in which you make that first step possible for hundreds of young people each year.

In gratitude,

Shawna Smith

HOPE REQUIRES A PATHWAY FORWARD



In a recent survey, nearly half (45%) of trainees cited free job-training as the top motivator for enrollment, followed by 36% who were enticed by the job placement support Hope Builders provides graduates

Thank you! You and the donor community of Hope Builders make it possible to offer free mentorship, job skills and life skills training to young adults eager to launch their careers. Additionally, your generosity allows Hope Builders to model the employer/employee relationship by providing weekly stipends and other support like tutoring, uniforms, stethoscopes, fully equipped tool belts, childcare vouchers, gas cards and behind the wheel education .

Each of the 300 young adults Hope Builders enrolls this year will be awarded an Amigo Scholarship. This holiday season, please consider a gift to the Amigo program to ensure we can prepare more young adults, like Ana, with the skills and support to launch life-changing careers.

For more information on the Amigo scholarship program, visit tsjhopebuilders.org/amigo