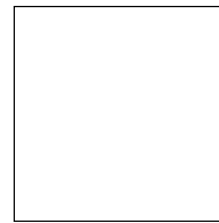


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## BUILDING MOMENTUM: WHEN ONE TRANSFORMATION OPENS DOORS FOR ANOTHER



JULIA (left) and her sister, STEPHANIE (right)

When Julia first enrolled at Hope Builders in 2024, she was a young mother working part-time at a grocery store, struggling to provide for her family, and unsure of her future. She wanted more for her family, but didn't know yet what was possible.

Through Hope Builders' Clinical Medical Assisting program, Julia discovered both purpose and confidence. Today, she works in a medical office supporting patients directly, coordinating care, and using skills she once found intimidating. "This career has changed my life," she says. "I love to help patients and feel confident going above and beyond in their care."

Her transformation soon influenced someone close to home: her sister, Stephanie.

At the time, Stephanie felt uncertain about her own career options. Watching Julia succeed — with the encouragement, support and tools she received from Hope Builders — gave Stephanie the hope she needed to apply. After seeing their father navigate serious health challenges,

Stephanie also felt drawn to healthcare and decided to follow a similar path.

Julia supported her sister's decision in a simple but powerful way. She gave Stephanie a pink stethoscope for Christmas, telling her she could not wait to see her succeed on her new journey. That gesture became a daily reminder of both encouragement and accountability.

Now in training herself, Stephanie is gaining hands-on clinical experience, academic support, and mentorship to enter the workforce. "For the first time, I can see myself financially stable with a career that I love," she shares.

Julia's decision to pursue training set something larger in motion: two sisters building meaningful careers and preparing to care for others in their community. For both Stephanie and Julia, this journey is about more than employment. It is about stability for their entire family, the ability to impact their community, and the confidence to envision futures that once felt out of reach.

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### A NOTE FROM SHAWNA SMITH, CEO



The journey a young person travels before arriving at Hope Builders is not typically an easy one. Despite the many reasons to give up hope, what sets them apart is their willingness to double down. I've heard from many of you that it's this very act of perseverance that inspires you to give to Hope Builders.

I caught up with a graduate recently who shared that he'd seen a Hope Builders flyer in juvenile hall long before he

was ready to make a change in his life. He squirreled away the information thinking, "maybe someday Hope Builders will be for me." When that day arrived, he grabbed onto the Hope Builders opportunity with both hands and transformed himself into a reliable professional, husband and father.

One act of courage empowered by your generosity allowed a new world of opportunity to emerge. This is the promise

of Hope Builders that you make possible with your generosity. Together we are building foundations that allow our trainees, their families and our community to thrive for years to come.

Gratefully,

Shawna Smith

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- A steady paycheck becomes stable housing.
- Stability becomes confidence.
- Confidence becomes leadership at home and in the workplace.
- Families experience security.
- Children witness possibility.
- Opportunity is no longer a one-time intervention — it becomes a legacy.

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