



# Hope Highlights

"To restore hope and see transformation in the lives of gang-affiliated individuals and those involved in the justice system."

## Thank You for a Wonderful 2022 Annual Banquet!



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On September 29, 2022, over 200 people joined us at Zoe's Café and Events to support second chances, listen to the stories of Jobs of Hope clients and alumni, and recognize this year's Men of Valor graduates. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported us by volunteering, donating, and sharing about Jobs of Hope with friends and family!

This year we recognized the following individuals:

**Program Graduates:** Clint, Sontu, Daniel, Billy, Lupe and Timothy

**Special Board Member Recognition:** Jonathon Gonzales, Vice Chair, and Pres Montoya, Director, in appreciation of their service on the Jobs of Hope Board of Directors

**Community Rising Star Award:** Micaiah

## 2022 Community Rising Star: Micaiah



Jobs of Hope is excited to present the 2022 Community Rising Star Award to Micaiah in recognition of his service to Jobs of Hope and engagement in the community. Micaiah has been involved with Jobs of Hope since January 2021, and he became part of the Jobs of Hope staff at the end of last year. Micaiah's roles at Jobs of Hope include helping to facilitate Men of Valor round tables and being the Resident Lead for House of Hope. Micaiah says that his position as Resident Lead involves "keeping order with the residents, ensuring cleanliness, enforcing house rules, and ensuring sobriety in the house. I also hang out with the residents and am a source if they need anything. I am there for them personally and by being one of them, by sharing my story and encouraging them."

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# Director's Corner

Dear Friends of Jobs of Hope,

Once again, we are approaching that time of the year when we gather with family and pause to reflect on that for which we are most thankful. Here at Jobs of Hope we are most thankful for the privilege to serve those in our community who so desperately look for an opportunity for a second chance in life. The work to make that a reality only comes when our community reciprocates the same. It's an honor to work and be a part of a community dedicated to supporting those in most need.

This month's edition of Hope Highlights reflects on our annual celebration banquet of hope for those men who made their dreams a reality and with the love of our Lord and Savior have found a home here in Weld County.

This Christmas season offers a special opportunity to reflect on our many blessings and to be grateful for the gifts we have received. We are mindful of those less fortunate and struggling in our community, country, and world. The season is an invitation to rededicate ourselves in our own special way that could make a difference to the most vulnerable members of our community.

We are especially thankful to our participants who are working so hard to transform their lives, as well as our supporters and staff; without you, there would be no Jobs of Hope.

May the Heavenly Father bless you and your family.

In Christ,



Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca  
Executive Director



# Prayer Points

- We thank you for a successful night celebrating second chances at this year's banquet.
- We pray that you will protect and guide the participants, staff and friends of Jobs of Hope.
- We thank you for the many wonderful volunteers, friends and donors who support us throughout the year.

*Father, thank you for all;  
for everything that is working in my life  
and even for the things that are not  
working as yet. Just want to say thank you  
Lord for all and in all, in the name of the  
Lord Jesus.*

*(1 Thessalonians 5:18)*



# In Memoriam: Manny

On October 12, our friend and Jobs of Hope participant Manny went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It didn't take long for those who met him to recognize his deep humility, courage, and inspirational outlook on the future. Manny found hope in his love for his Lord and Savior. In the short time he was in our program it was clear that he was a thoughtful and caring human that grew up and lived much of his life in challenging spaces. He will be greatly missed by all. Rest In Peace our dear friend.



# 2022 Community Rising Star, Continued

In addition to working at Jobs of Hope, Micaiah has also been involved a variety of community organizations. He has volunteered for events with Youth for Christ, has attended groups such as AA meetings in support of Jobs of Hope clients, and has been involved with churches and organizations such as Real Church, Waypoints Church and Tower 21, which does addictions counseling and DREAM for drug court. Micaiah has also represented Jobs of Hope at resource outreach events.

When asked about how things have gone for him since we featured Micaiah in the May 2021 Participant Spotlight, Micaiah said, “Since last year, life has just gotten more challenging and growing. I’ve had new positions and more responsibility. My family has moved into town and I have been trying to reestablish a relationship with my children. I’m just trying to give back as much as I can.”

Micaiah said, “I feel truly honored to receive the award. I wasn’t trying to win, I was just living life and am blessed that what I’ve been doing has been recognized as a contribution.” He also emphasized that “Jobs of Hope is a resource for a new way of living life—the resources it provides go a lot deeper than just the building and the program. It brings in so many experienced people who come to Jobs of Hope to support the men, who want to see them succeed and give them resources to grow, who want to give them a chance to be better.”

Congrats, Micaiah, and thank you for everything you do for Jobs of Hope!

## Banquet Photos

These are just a few of the photos from the 2022 Jobs of Hope Annual Banquet. To view more, please visit our website at [www.jobsofhope.org](http://www.jobsofhope.org), find us on Facebook at Jobs of Hope, Inc., or follow us on Instagram @jobs\_of\_hope\_greeley.



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