



# Hope Highlights

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

July 2023

## Welcome New Team Member Mike Sanchez!

Jobs of Hope is excited to welcome Mike Sanchez to our team as the House of Hope Resident Manager! Mike was born in San Bernardino, California, grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada, and has lived in Colorado for eleven years. Mike is not an entirely new face at Jobs of Hope. After graduating from Victory Outreach, Mike participated in the Jobs of Hope program in 2014, just after it was launched in Greeley. Mike mentioned that he came across his certificate from Jobs of Hope not long before he was approached about taking the House of Hope Resident Manager position, and he knew that God was telling him, "This is where you're going."

Mike has a heart for people and a heart for souls. His motivation is to disciple and raise up people into the Lord, and to guide others to do right in life. Mike

noted that he did not expect to be back at Jobs of Hope, but he knows this is where God wants him to be right now, and he wants to see the men in the program succeed. Mike explained, "Coming here is a mission for me, and my mindset is salvation." His goal is to connect with the men in the program and build relationships, because he recognizes that it's important for people to see that others have invested in their lives.

Mike added that, when he participated in Jobs of Hope nearly a decade ago, some of the most important lessons he learned were financial integrity and prioritizing a good work ethic. We're glad to have Mike here to help support the men in the house as they journey toward recovery and life transformation!



*Mike poses in front of the Jobs of Hope office with his graduation certificate. In 2014, Mike completed classes in the same building where the Jobs of Hope office finds its home.*



*The House of Hope Resident Manager is an important part of the House of Hope, helping both to keep things running smoothly and foster a sense of community within the house.*

# Director's Corner

Greetings to all of you in our Jobs of Hope Family,

Thank you for reading our July newsletter. The summer is in full swing and I hope that all of you are enjoying the activities and recreation available here in Northern Colorado, especially when it's not raining! I'd like to keep you aware of a few great things going on at Jobs of Hope.

- We had yet another client move into permanent housing since our last newsletter. This is definitely a blessing from God, and we were able to play a part in this client moving into his apartment. Your donations and prayers make it possible for us to invest in the men coming to our program.
- Our annual banquet is coming up on Thursday, September 14th at UNC's Student Center. It will be a gala evening as we celebrate our 10-year Anniversary. There will be some great guests from our history at the event. More details to come!
- We need Table Sponsors for the banquet. If you feel led to invest in the lives of the men we serve, please consider buying a table at the event. Each sponsorship level comes with quite a few benefits. You can find more information on our website ([www.jobsofhope.org](http://www.jobsofhope.org)).

- If you or someone you know has a great item for the Silent Auction, please reach out. Our silent auctions have been a fun way for us to raise funds at the banquet. Past silent auctions have included vacations, sports memorabilia, art, sporting event tickets, wine tastings, beauty gift baskets, and much more. Please reach out to my assistant Ali ([ahermetz@jobsofhope.org](mailto:ahermetz@jobsofhope.org)) or myself if you are able to help with our silent auction.

That's it for now. We are all busy this month and next getting ready for the banquet. In this newsletter, you'll read about our newest member of the team, Mike Sanchez. You will also see some photos of our latest outing. We took some clients for a day at Carter Lake. Also, our very own Opal Hatfield will share some Godly wisdom with us.

Please continue to keep our program in your prayers. May The Lord bless all of you and keep you!



Dan Ordaz  
*Executive Director*



# Overcoming Our Challenges

In John 16, Jesus says to his disciples, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). I have personally read this verse more than once in my 10 years as a believer, and it was not until a day ago that its power really hit me. Suddenly, it made sense! I began to think, how many of our men stress, worry, and try to control their situations as a way of survival? How many of us, me included, spend countless hours trying to fix situations on our own because we are passionate about helping others, and we don't want the worst to happen?

Even in the best of times, we worry about people, places, and things and we feel powerless to see ourselves or others through a situation. But right here in John 16:33, Jesus provides us a way. Jesus makes sense of our troubles and offers us peace, because he has overcome the WORLD!!! I see our men struggle financially and relationally, and struggle to find

employment after felonies and stability after brokenness. I see them fight to survive and make things right again. I see them so powerless over situations that are not theirs, but God's. If Jesus can overcome the world, then he can and will see us through our troubles. We don't need to worry, stress, complain, strive, or solve it ourselves. We just need to remember that he—King of Kings, the Way, the Truth, and the Life—is big enough to overcome the world, and therefore is big enough to walk alongside you and me and see us through! If Jesus can overcome the world we too, can overcome our troubles.

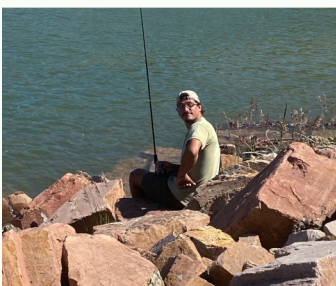
Yours Truly,

Opal Hatfield  
*Jobs of Hope Case Manager*



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This month, Jobs of Hope was glad to host several fun events, including a trip to Carter Lake and a Fourth of July Celebration. We also had our largest Saturday morning fellowship attendance this month!



## Prayer Points

- Please join us in giving thanks for our new team member Mike Sanchez!
- We ask you to pray for both our current participants and alumni, that God will continue to transform their lives and lead them to hope and recovery.
- We ask you to pray that this year's banquet will be a success.
- We ask you to give thanks for the freedom that we all can find through Christ.

## Get Involved with the Banquet!

Jobs of Hope's 10th Anniversary Annual Banquet is coming up on September 14, 2023. Looking for additional ways to get involved with the banquet? Consider sponsoring a table, donating items for the silent auction, or volunteering to host the silent auction or check in attendees. Please contact Ali at [ahermetz@jobsofhope.org](mailto:ahermetz@jobsofhope.org) if you are interested. Additional information about sponsoring a table can be found at the QR code below.

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