

Hope Highlights

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



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Alumni Spotlight: Justin

I was born in Greeley but our family lived in a old condemned house in Nunn Colorado. As far back as I can remember my parents struggled with substance abuse and alcoholism. My dad cut out of the picture when I was little and soon after I ended up getting a stepdad. Unfortunately, he too struggled with alcoholism. I was one of five children. I had three sisters and one brother. We all got along really well but as soon as we all hit the age where they could leave, we did.

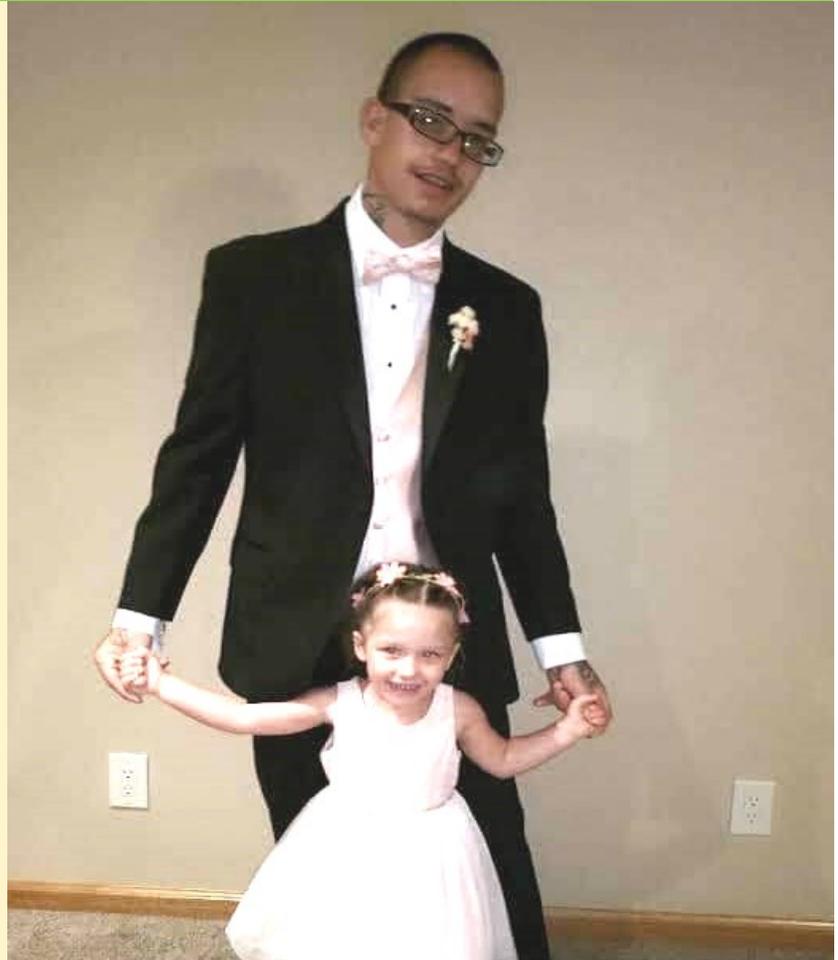
I was about 13 when I started experimenting with drugs, specifically methamphetamines. It was like you've seen it so you did it. My sisters and I struggled the most. I think the reason why we started using was for attention. We always felt left out. Soon after, I began hanging out with a bad crowd and we did some pretty bad stuff. I was fighting, stealing, robbing places and getting into to all kinds of trouble. My criminal history really didn't start until I turned 18. I can't say I wasn't doing bad stuff before because I definitely was, but it was just a matter of not getting caught.

I would go to church every now and then and I would feel the holy spirit but I would never allow myself to get to close. I just always walked away from it. The Pastor saw me struggling and told me about Jobs of Hope and said I should check it out. I didn't check it out initially until the day I lost custody of my precious daughter. I was a broken man, in tears and couldn't believe what had just happened. I walked by the Jobs of Hope sign and turned back a couple times. I remember standing outside the door for 20 minutes just looking at the building trying to figure out what to do. At that point someone came up to the door and said, "hey, we're about to do class in 10 minutes. Why don't you come in and join us?" I came in and the topic of the day was, ego. That topic really hit me hard and from that point on I kept coming. If I could describe Jobs of Hope, it would be warm and loving. I remember calling several of the members late at night and they were there for me. It really was exactly what I needed.

If I could give advice to someone who is going through struggles similar to what I went through, I would tell them to not fall off, stay positive and stay on those stepping stones such as Jobs of Hope. If you stay consistent with it and work hard, you are going to find yourself.

Today, I have my own home and have been full time with the same business for the last five years and best of all, I now have full custody of my precious little girl. She is everything to me and I don't know where I would be without her. Life is good!

In the future I want to open up an organization to help youth. There's really an addiction for everything and everybody is going to struggle with something but I want to do something to help catch the younger kids. We need more programs like Jobs of Hope.



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Director's Corner

Throughout history, Americans have come together through nonprofits to improve their lives and those of others. Nonprofits have been the backbone of civil engagement in our country. It is hard to believe that just 8 short years ago a small group of faith based leaders came together and recognized a need to support the community in addressing gang involvement and crime. Most important was how to support those who felt trapped in a system in which there seemed to be no hope of ever getting out. From those humble beginnings Jobs of Hope was formed

Hope - An expression of our desire for a better future not only for ourselves but our children and others. For the past 8 years there have been hundreds of individuals walks through the doors of Jobs of Hope. Men who have lost hope in themselves and the possibility of world that is willing to accept them. For many, Jobs of Hope becomes a place that they refer to as "home". On September 9th we wish to share some of those stories with you at our annual banquet. If you haven't already marked your calendar please do so and join us as we celebrate the profound impact hope and transformation can have on an individuals life.

In this month's edition of "Hope Highlights" we share the story of Justin, a former participant and his journey that not only brought him to Jobs of Hope but the transformation of a young man who now shares his love, compassion and hope with his daughter.

As we all begin to travel and gather with our friend and family, I pray that you are all well and enjoying your summer. I look forward to meeting you all in September.

In Christ,



Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca
Executive Director



Jobs of Hope Banquet Update

We are just two months away from the Jobs of Hope banquet and we invite you to become a sponsor!

This event will be a great opportunity for people to learn about our ministry, celebrate the victories, and hear directly from those impacted by our efforts. There will also be great items to bid on during the auction and chances to talk with others from the community who also support our mission.

Sponsors will receive exposure and join other individuals and organizations in our community who believe that everyone deserves a second chance. If you would like to be a part of the transformational discovery that happens when a gang member or individual who has committed crimes discovers the power of our Lord and Savior, please become a sponsor today!

For more information on the benefits of becoming a sponsor, please check out the next page of this newsletter. If you have any additional questions regarding the banquet please don't hesitate to reach out to us at (970) 451-5007 or visit our website at www.jobsofhope.org/banquet.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support!

Prayer Points

- We pray for the participants of JOH that you would make them strong and courageous for the road ahead.
- We ask for your wisdom, strength and power to lead us in each step of this summer.
- We pray for your continued protection over the participants, staff and friends of Jobs of Hope.
- We ask that you provide for our needs and help us prosper.



Volunteer Opportunities

Jobs of Hope is looking for passionate volunteers to help in following areas:

- Resume assistance
- Online application & job search assistance
- Banquet planning committee

If you like to volunteer, please don't hesitate to reach out! Visit our website at www.jobsofhope.org or we can be reached by phone at (970)451-5007



JOBS OF HOPE

Banquet Sponsorship Levels



Platinum Event Sponsor - \$7,500 (1 Available)

- All gold level benefits PLUS
- Prominent recognition as Platinum Sponsor during banquet.
- Two Tables (of 8), VIP seating. (In Front middle to the stage)
- Corporate banner in prime location at banquet.
- Opportunity to present at banquet.

If you have any questions about becoming a sponsor, please don't hesitate to call the office at (970) 451-5007 or send us an email at info@jobsofhope.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the banquet!



Gold Sponsor - \$5,000

- All Silver level benefits PLUS
- Prominent recognition as Gold Sponsor during banquet.
- One Table (of 8), Preferred seating. (In Front of stage)
- Corporate banner at banquet.



Silver Table Sponsor - \$2,500

- Acknowledgment as Silver Table Sponsor during banquet.
- Sponsorship acknowledgment in all media materials and publicity.
- Sponsors name/logo in the commemorative banquet program book.
- Sponsors name/logo promoted as a sponsor in the event program during opening remarks.
- Sponsors name/logo listed as a sponsor in pre-dinner slide show
- One Table (of 8), Preferred seating. (Near Front)
- Sponsors logo on web site and all social media advertisements.



Bronze Friends of JOH Sponsor - \$1,000

- Acknowledgment as Bronze Friend of JOH Sponsor during banquet.
- Sponsors name in the commemorative banquet program book.
- Sponsors name promoted as a sponsor in the event program during opening remarks.
- Sponsors name listed as a sponsor in pre-dinner slide show
- Four seats for sponsor and four seats for participants/alumni and JOH Guests (Forward seating)
- Sponsors name on web site

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