

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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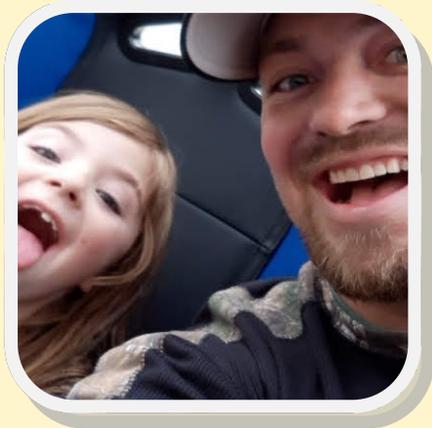
Father's Day Spotlight

Being a father can be one of the most difficult, yet rewarding things a man can do. With Father's day being this month, Jobs of Hope would like to recognize all the fathers that have gone through our program. We talked to some of them and asked them what being a father meant to them, and these were their responses.



"What does fatherhood mean to me? It's very simple. The meaning of fatherhood to me is... Life saving! Being a father, I knew I couldn't leave my son alone in a world I experienced first hand that knocks you down every time you get up. I couldn't imagine leaving my son alone to handle what I struggled with... wishing I had a father by my side guiding me."- **Jerry, Participant**

"What it means to be a father to me is to know that truly my biggest challenge was and continues to be my biggest blessing. They have taken care of me just as much as I have taken care of them. A father's love for his children never ends. He only grows and learns how to love in every stage of life's journey. Like the love of our heavenly father with an everlasting love. I am truly blessed." - **Cisco, JOH Staff**



"What Fatherhood means to me is reflecting God's character to my kids, to behave and love the best I know how like God does, who is the Father of us all."
Micaiah, Participant

"I grew up without a father, so for me, fatherhood is about being there. It's about being around to answer questions and offer encouragement. Fatherhood is about learning, also. Learning to be patient with yourself and them, learning how to make better decisions. Fatherhood is important. Our job is to help guide the little people we've made into being healthy, responsible adults that can go out into the world and make it a better place for all of us. Fatherhood is my favorite job even though I can't punch out at the end of the day, earn wages or a retirement." - **Clint, Participant**

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Banquet Update

Praise the Lord! The Jobs of Hope Banquet is back! After cancelling last year's banquet, Jobs of Hope is coming back with a bang! This year, we will be holding the banquet at Zoe's Café and Events on September 9th. We will have great speakers as well as a silent auction with fun items to bid on!

This event will be a great opportunity for people to learn a little bit more about the work we do, celebrate the victories and hear directly from those impacted by our efforts. For those interested, there will be several levels of involvement. We will be providing more details in the coming month.



2019 Banquet

We are excited to see all of you in person again and look forward to applauding the hard work of men who have come through the program! If you have any questions regarding the banquet or would like to become a sponsor, feel free to give our office a call at (970) 451-5007 or email us at info@jobsofhope.org. We look forward to seeing you at the banquet!



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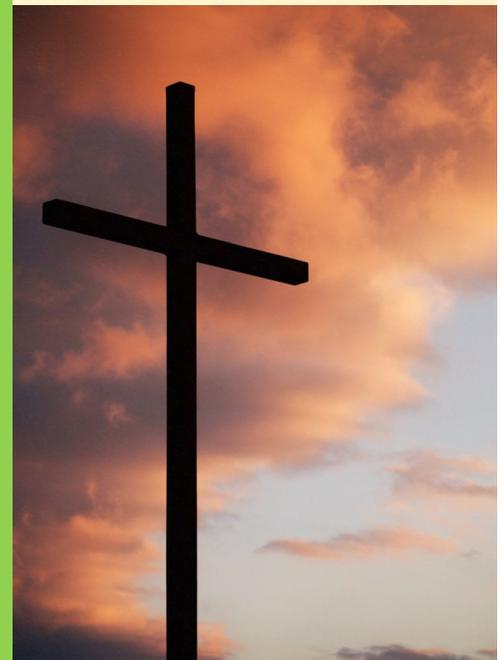
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Banquet Sponsors

Jobs of Hope invites you to be a sponsor in support of our annual banquet. 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 reach out to us at (970) 451-5007 or visit our website at www.jobsofhope.org for more detailed information on sponsorship levels. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Board Recruitment

Jobs of Hope has openings on the board of directors! If you would like to fill one of these vacancies, please reach out to our executive director Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca. Our office phone number is 970-451-5007.



Director's Corner

It was July 2019 when I received the call that my father had suffered a massive heart attack. Shortly after a second call from my brother that confirmed my worst fear, my father had passed away, and as the feeling of loss filled my deepest soul, I could say with certainty, I was loved. To know my dad would put a smile on your face. He was a hoot, and he could make me laugh 'till it hurt. He was a joyous man, filled with love and compassion that gave generously to the world and his family. It is with all my heart that I know he has God rolling with laughter.

There are all kinds of fathers and different stories. But there is one thing they all share: No matter their personalities, gifts, struggles and circumstances.... every one of them have been called to live and follow God's way. And when they do, their families are blessed, communities strengthened and a ripple effect of love and compassion happens in the world.

Jobs of Hope staff and the "Men of Valor" Leadership Program provide the men of our program the opportunity to discover the men God intended them to be. A transformational discovery in which the desired output is men who see themselves as "Men of Valor" and share this new found hope with their children to be better fathers, and their spouses to be better partners, and their colleagues to be better employees and friends, but most of all to be an example for future generations.

In this month's edition of Hope Highlights, you will get to meet some of the men of Jobs of Hope and what it means for them to be a father. For some, this new relationship was only possible due to their hard work and dedication to become the fathers they were meant to be.

Blessings,

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20)

In Christ,
Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca'.

Father's Day Spotlight Continued



"The Bible says this about being a father. 'The righteous man walks in integrity: his children are blessed after him' Proverbs 20:7

Sometimes late at night, after the day is done, no more work, no more meetings, nothing left to do but play with my three beautiful blessings. Eat dinner, help my wife get them in the shower. Read them a few bedtime stories. Say their prayers and put them to bed. I go to my favorite spot on the couch, and I imagine who I want my kids to become. I wake up the next morning, and I try to become what I want them to be. God promises if I train up my children in the way they should go, even when they are older they will not depart from it proverbs 22:6. My duty as a father is to set the

example of what a man should be. Teaching my daughter that true beauty is found in how she treats people with love. Show my sons that true strength is displayed when they are helping someone up when they are down. If I could sum up what being a father means to me, I would have to say loving unconditionally, showing mercy and grace and continue doing the dad thing especially when I don't feel like it because I'm doing it for a purpose not for an applause." - **Jonathan, JOH Board Member**

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.
- For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.



Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

If you would 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

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