



Hope Highlights

“to restore hope and see transformation in the lives of previously incarcerated individuals, as well as individuals seeking transformation from a life of gang affiliation, homelessness, or substance abuse.”

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Staff Spotlight: David Estreich

Hi, my name is David Estreich. I am a Greeley native, serving as a counselor to people from all walks of life in Greeley and Weld County. I am on the staff as the counselor at Jobs of Hope. I have been facilitating the Relapse Prevention group at the House of Hope with the help of Jason Bingham (Jobs of Hope Peer Counselor). It has been a great honor to work alongside the staff and clients. One of the best gifts I receive is seeing clients succeed and move forward in their lives.

I have experienced the heartache of life through many years of failed relationships, addiction, manipulation, thievery, infidelity, and the death of a child. Yet God made His presence known and carried me through these obstacles to a place of hope, peace and joy. Through addiction and recovery, I have a deep understanding of God's grace; I can't do this alone! We must understand that the joy the world gives is not the same as the joy the Spirit gives. Worldly joy comes and goes. It isn't something you can cling to. The Spirit's joy can stay with us for the long haul. For the believer, the fruit of the Spirit, Joy, is like a bottomless well of water—there's always an abundant supply. Even in the darkest days, when sadness, grief, and loss may threaten to overwhelm you, God's joy is there. We must also understand that God's joy cannot be taken away. Some days, we might think it's gone, but it's not. As believers, we are promised the constant presence of the Holy Spirit. Just as our salvation is assured through Jesus' one-time sacrifice for all, we are promised His joy.

I have been married to my wife, Shawna, for 26 years. We have five grandchildren and one on the way. One of my greatest joys is spending time with the grandkids. My wife and I also love watching movies, eating great food, and loving our two miniature dachshunds. We love to explore and take trips up to Estes Park. Self-care is a priority!

I graduated from Denver Seminary with a Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. I am a Nationally Certified Counselor and a Licensed Professional Counselor in Colorado. My wife and I own and operate Revitalize Counseling for Change, LLC.

My mission in serving individuals and couples in the community is twofold: to bring hope back to life and to walk alongside those caught up in substance use issues, mental health struggles, and difficult life circumstances. We empathize with people who feel that they have no voice. We understand that they are up against not only the stigma of addiction, but also the persuasive belief of themselves and others that they will never change. My past gives me deep empathy and understanding for those suffering from life's circumstances. My wife and I deeply desire to help the voiceless find their voice.

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We are proud to have David Estreich as counselor at Jobs of Hope!

Director's Corner

Greetings Friends and Family,

Happy Thanksgiving and Blessing to all of our Jobs of Hope supporters! I trust this newsletter finds all of you remembering a great Thanksgiving Day and looking forward to an equally wonderful Christmas Season.

I want to personally acknowledge the passing of a dear friend and supporter of Jobs of Hope – Mr. Richard Hartman. Though short in stature, Rick was a “giant” in the Greeley community. He was a champion for Christ and displayed that Christ-like love in his work in the community. Rick served on many boards and committees over the years, always with a heart to help the forgotten, neglected and under-served. He was one of the main organizers for the Weld County Toys for Tots drive for many years, and also was a board member for Jobs of Hope. Rick left a legacy in the community through his constant work in bringing the Global Priority Solutions (GPS) Roundtable program to many groups in Northern Colorado. The GPS Roundtable program is a values-based discussion format that helps teach and reinforce leadership, accountability and quality in the lives of participants. Jobs of Hope has many graduates that can testify to the impact that Roundtable had on their personal growth and development. Beyond teaching and serving, Rick’s most vital legacy will be that of a committed Christ-follower who was guided by his faith in being an outstanding father and husband. I was blessed to hear the testimonies of his adult children at his memorial service. They all shared how Rick raised them with love and shared his faith with them. We will miss Rick, but rejoice that he is now in the presence of his Savior!

As you begin your Christmas shopping, please remember the needs we have at Jobs of Hope. We pray that you will come alongside us in helping to bless our clients at Christmas. We have 2 ways for you to donate with Jobs of Hope:

- Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday, Dec 5th. Please consider becoming a monthly partner with Jobs of Hope. You can donate at <https://www.coloradogives.org/donate/Jobs-Of-Hope>. The Colorado Gives Foundation will match your SECOND donation (up to \$100) if you sign up for a recurring donation. This is a limited time offer. Your donation allows Jobs of Hope to continue to offer services to men in Weld County.
- Please visit the virtual Jobs of Hope Christmas Gift Catalog. Here you can donate funds to purchase various gift categories such as Socks, Gloves, Beanies, T-shirts, Hygiene products, etc. Your donations will provide meaningful and practical Christmas gifts for the men in our program. Please donate today at https://paybee.io/@jobs_of_hope@43

Please keep us in prayer through this season. The holidays can be hard on many people in under-served communities, and we will strive to ensure all our clients feel loved this Christmas. Also please pray for additional ways for Jobs of Hope to expand in the future to include services for female clients.

We love and appreciate all of you.

God Bless You and Keep You,



Dan Ordaz
Executive Director
Jobs of Hope, Inc



Rick (Middle) Posing with Cisco (Left) and Billy (Right)



Photo of Rick Hartman taken after one of the Jobs of Hope board meetings



Rick (Left) Posing with Micaiah (Right)

Staff Spotlight Continued - David Estreich

One of the other great joys I have is the opportunity to create. My wife and I created Be Inspired, a relapse prevention journal, and were able to get it published. It is available on Amazon for purchase. I have successfully used this reflection journal in our Monday night Relapse Prevention group. Be Inspired is a 15-week and 105-day relapse prevention and journal reflection. Journaling can be essential in recovery. It allows you to express the built-up frustrations, anger, shame, guilt, and whatever else triggers your relapse behavior. Journaling boosts self-confidence and emotional intelligence and inspires creativity. Journaling is an excellent tool for tracking progress and acknowledging accomplishments. We build confidence when we feel accomplished, leading to more positive behavior! This journal includes valuable perspectives about sustaining recovery and making it your own. The material poses questions for you to reflect upon, whether in quiet times, while talking with others, or while writing your thoughts down. Self-reflection can be a valuable tool as it deepens your insight into yourself. You will identify areas of growth and development. It will also help you examine your behavior and attitudes while changing your life.

I believe that connection and community are essential in the world we live in today. We all must feel worthy, worthwhile, wanted, appreciated, and loved. Without meaningful connection, we often try to silence our pain of disconnection by drugs, alcohol, overeating, social media, and much more. Loving ourselves and others, vulnerability, connection, and community are essential steps for growth as we navigate life's journey.

I am so thankful to be part of the Jobs of Hope community and look forward to all it offers and the growth it inspires.

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Who You Are, Is One of Your Greatest Tools

What does it mean to be who you are? To me, it means authenticity and living life through our core values, with good intentions in all we do. Situations and people call on different aspects of who we are. Some challenge our patience and our ability to love and honor. Others empower our spirit to grow and prosper. Either way, no matter the situation or person, someone is always watching us, even if we don't realize they are. And through this, everything we do, every choice we make, how we present ourselves, is an example of who we are, but also how we live life.

How we live life is also a form of leadership. We are all leaders, no matter who we are. We lead by position at work or school, we lead our children by how we parent, we lead our neighbors in how we take care of our lawn, or lead in our social group, and may even lead a stranger in the grocery store that we don't even realize is seeing us. Our emotional and inner state bleeds into all areas of our life and our environment. Who we are and what we do is to someone, leading by example.

To be a leader is to teach in one's ways. In 1 Peter 5:3 it says, "Not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock." This verse tells us to be leaders that set an example to those around us (flock). As parents we are constantly setting an example of character, decision making, and daily living to our children just by doing without giving our actions much thought. They are just a part of us and who we are. As an example, this tells us that by simply being you, you are leading. Having been given free will, you get to choose how you want to be a leader in your life. Do you lead in a positive light or in a negative light? Do you lead with purpose and intention? Or do you lead with despair and hate?

For the men in our program, many, if not all of them, have not been given the gift of strong and positive leadership in their lives. Because of this, they are left to learn how to exist, based on the way of the world, and not from God's grace, love, and leadership. As staff, it is important for us to remember that someone is always watching. Everything we say and do is a form of leadership to our men. I choose love and light to lead my character and life choices in a way that will positively influence my environment (purpose and intention). It isn't always easy, but I want to lead by example. I am not labeled a leader through position, but I am still a leader in life to our men by simply being who I am. What an honor. This is why being who you are, doing what you do, dealing with life how you do, and treating others in the way that you do, is one of your greatest tools.

Yours Truly,

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Jobs of Hope Case Manager



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