

Hope Highlights

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



March 2021



Spotlight: Jerry

I was born in Torrington, Wyoming and we moved to Greeley when I was about eight years old. My mom raised the four of us, me, my brother and two sisters as a single mother but life was not easy for a single parent and she did the best she could. Thanks mom.

Growing up, I was exposed to drugs by his father's family and I started using marijuana when I was about twelve years old. At the age 15 my father was sent to prison and things got progressively worse as I was caught with marijuana in school and it was the start of my legal issues, bouncing in and out of incarceration. Soon after, I progressed from marijuana to meth. I estimate that I have spent about ten years of my life behind bars and more than half addicted to drugs. Despite all these ups and downs I did manage to graduate from Greeley Central High School.

It was about a year ago when I was in a McDonalds having coffee and this gentleman named Ray Romero approached me out of the blue and started talking to me. He asked me some questions, told me about Jobs of Hope and he gave me a business card. I didn't call immediately; to be honest it was about three weeks later. I had been homeless for about two years, struggling with meth and on that particular night I was sleeping in my car, no money for food or gas and cold. Going through my wallet I found that card and decided to make the call. I spoke to a man named Pres and it all started from there. He met with me, took me to detox and he was there for me. Even today, this house (the Jobs of Hope office) isn't a house; it's a home, our home, a place where we come together for support and understanding. At Jobs of Hope you are heard and everyone is welcome. The staff at JOH treats you like you like a person and that's what I needed. How or why on that particular day I found that business card, I don't know but I am glad I did.

Today, I have a job, a home but most of all, I have a relationship with my son. For the first time in my life I am actually looking at my future or should I say our future, my son's and mine. All my son wants is to have a dad and I want to be here for him. The only thing drugs lead to is death or jail. I have to admit I am scared, I have never made it this far but if it weren't for JOH it would have never happened. I have applied for college and if all goes well, I will start in May. College? Never thought it would happen. I want my son to be proud of his father and it was time to stop talking about it and just do it. If I could give anyone who is going through a difficult time some advice, I would tell them, "just go and keep going... there's help if you want it but you have to want it and more importantly be willing to work for it."

Jobs of Hope, is more than another agency, it's a home filled with hope.

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Meet The Staff

Jobs of Hope is proud to announce that we have finally been blessed with a full staff with the addition of two new staff members. We would like to welcome Casey Fogel and Casandra Gallardo to the Jobs of Hope family!

Casandra will be joining us as our Reentry Case Manager/Navigator. She was born and raised in Greeley and has a strong passion for serving her community. Casey will be joining us as our Communications and Social Media Specialist VISTA. As someone who has faced hardship head on and prevailed, Casey is committed to serving his fellow man.



From left to right: Ernest, Casandra, Casey, and Cisco

Director's Corner

As I reflect on 2020, I think it goes without saying that I am optimistic about the changes coming around the corner in 2021. First and foremost, thank you for your patience as it has been a few months since we put out our last newsletter but with patience comes a new look and tons of exciting information to share with you. So what's new you say? We have tried to pack as much information into the newsletter but here are few highlights.

- New website
- New newsletter name and look
- New mission statement
- Two new additions to our Jobs of Hope team
- Two new board members
- New services
- New look at the office
- New "Men of Valor" Certified Leadership Program
- AND MORE TO COME

Thanks to all of you for your patience, prayers and ongoing support during our transition and know we couldn't have done it without you. Enough from me. Please enjoy our new newsletter.

Sincerely in Christ,



Executive Director

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" Romans 12:12

New Board Members!

Jobs of Hope would like to welcome two new members to the board of directors! Earlier this month, we elected Richard Hartman and John Goad Jr. to positions on the board. Thank you for your service to the community and to Jobs of Hope. We can't wait to see what you bring to this organization!



Richard Hartman



John Goad Jr.



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 New Year.
- 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.

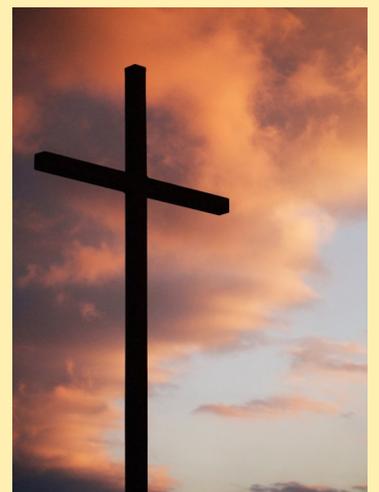
JOH Staff

Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca,
Executive Director

Cassandra Gallardo,
Reentry Case Manager/Navigator

Cisco Davila
"Men of Valor" Program Facilitator

Casey Fogel
Communications/Social Media
Specialist VISTA



What's New At Jobs Of Hope?

A lot has changed at Jobs of Hope since our previous newsletter. It has been an exciting journey and we are extremely blessed to be going through it with you. Here is an overview of some of the changes going on at Jobs of Hope.

New Website

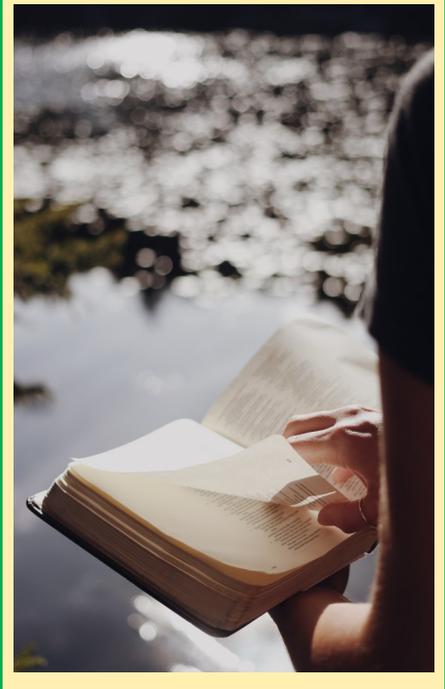
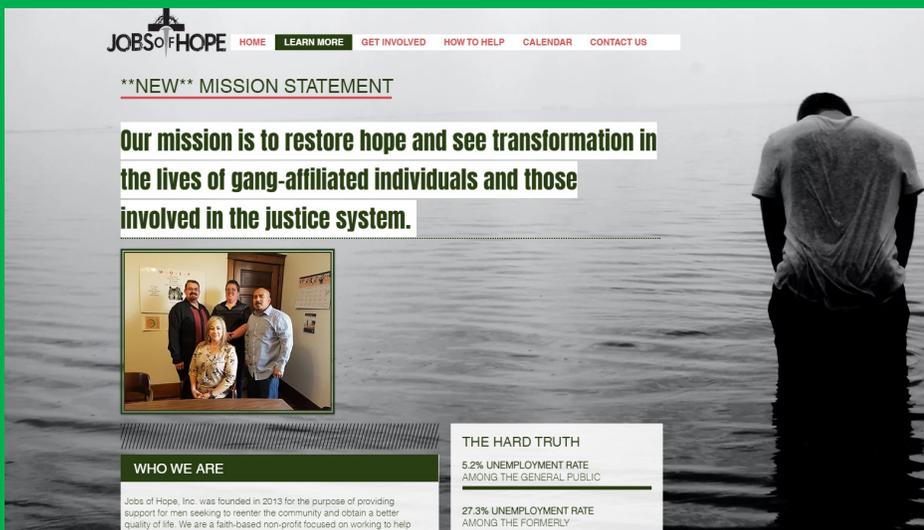
Jobs of Hope is proud to announce our new and improved website! We've made some exciting changes to make it more attractive and also much easier to use! Visit us at www.jobsofhope.org and learn about us and our programs, and maybe even donate to celebrate the launch!

New Mission Statement

For many, the new year symbolizes a fresh beginning—a time of resolution, commitment and enthusiasm. For Jobs of Hope, the new year is an exciting time our organizations future, and today we are proud to announce that the board of directors have unanimously approved a new mission statement, which will guide the continued development of our organizations culture and strategy. A Vision and Values statements will be coming soon. Thank you for your continued support!

Board of Directors

- Phil Grizzle, Chair
- Ben Fusco, Vice Chair
- Jodi Hartmann, Treasurer/Secretary
- Meredith Munoz, Director
- Nicolas Moeller, Director
- Pres Montoya, Director
- John Goad Jr., Director
- Richard Hartman, Director



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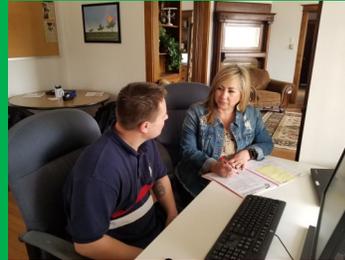


Our Services

As Jobs of Hope expands its services, we are proud to offer the following to our participants. For more information, please visit our website at www.jobsofhope.org.

Case Management

The Re-Entry Case Manager/Navigator meets with participants one on one to help them create personalized plans and reach their goals.



"Men of Valor" Leadership Program

Derived by Global Priority Solutions. The "Men of Valor" program explores character values in a self-discovery process to create a personal transformation.



Computer Lab

Our computer lab is there so that participants can apply for jobs, complete resumes and apply for benefits.



Clothing Closet

Our clothing closet offers clothes to participants in need.



Food Pantry

Our food pantry is full of nutritious food for our participants and their families when they are in need of a meal or food to prepare at home.



Showers

We offer complimentary showers so participants can maintain their hygiene.



Mail

We serve our participants by allowing them to receive their mail at our office.



Storage Bins

We offer storage bins for participants to keep their important documents and belongings while they work or job search

