



# Director's Corner

Dear Believers in Second Chances,

Jobs of Hope has never been just a job for me, but a large part of who I am and a great source of pride. That's why it's so difficult to share some big personal news with you. After 3 years as the Executive Director, I have announced that I will be leaving the organization.

I can promise you that this decision did not come lightly. I am leaving a position I love. I work with an incredibly supportive board of directors. I am inspired daily by a staff team with unparalleled talents, constant drive for excellence, and willingness to serve with compassion. And I'm deeply motivated by you—our donors, supporters, and participants. Working on behalf of Jobs of Hope has been one of my life's greatest honors.

I fell in love Jobs of Hope immediately—the mission, the participants we serve, and especially the people who make it all happen. My love of our work and impassioned pursuit of greatness for Jobs of Hope has never wavered. Rather, it has grown as we have pushed the envelope on what is possible. We've advanced, from a small service provider to one of the most respected, incredibly high-qualified reentry programs in Weld County. We've evolved, from a believer in hope to a champion of second chances, with the opening of our transitional house for those who are in needs of housing to our newest endeavor, the Pre-Release Program. We've grown, from a struggling, grassroots organization to a stable and leading Weld County nonprofit.

While I'm proud of these accomplishments, they aren't about me. They're about you. You've trusted, supported, and partnered with our team as we've taken bold leaps and achieved some audacious goals.

But Jobs of Hope is just getting started. As we celebrate our 10-year anniversary, I am excited to see what is ahead. I have no doubt in its continued greatness.

I'm not going far. I will remain steadfast in my support of Jobs of Hope. And I will continue to work in our community to positively impact housing stability, homelessness, education, and senior issues as I take on a new opportunity as Vice President of Community Impact with United Way of Weld County.

I will remain at Jobs of Hope as the full time Executive Director until February 3rd and then transition to part time, working with our staff and board of directors while they position the organization for new leadership and a smooth transition. With our fantastic team in place, Jobs of Hope will not miss a beat.

Our board of directors will be launching a search for a new Executive Director and when they have identified our next leader, I will be here to assist in the transition and then step aside.

Thank you for your partnership in creating the Jobs of Hope we all know and love, a place that was never just a job for me and which I will always consider home. I can't wait to see what our future holds.

Yours in Christ,



Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca



## Prayer Points

- We thank you for your transforming power and for allowing us to serve men in Weld County for the last 10 years.
- We thank you for Ernest's service as Executive Director for the last 3 years and that you will guide him as he embarks on this new endeavor.
- We thank you for the many wonderful volunteers, friends and donors who have supported us over the years.

*Father, thank you for all;  
for everything that is working in my  
life and even for the things that are not  
working as yet. Just want to say thank  
you Lord for all and in all, in the name  
of the Lord Jesus.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

# More Memories From the Last 10 Years!



## New Board Member: Welcome Andrew Clawson!



Jobs of Hope is excited to welcome Andrew Clawson to the Board of Directors. A professional in the field of technology, cybersecurity and IT, Andrew brings both unique work experience and great compassion for others to the board. Before coming to Greeley, Andrew and his wife served as leads for overnight shelters in their previous church, and Andrew also spent time as a teacher at an at-risk high school in Denver. Andrew's experience has led him to develop an understanding of the needs and challenges faced by formerly incarcerated and gang-involved men, as well as a passion to serve other people. Join us in giving Andrew a warm welcome to the board!

## Strategic Plan for 2023

The Jobs of Hope Board of Directors recently met for its annual strategic planning meeting to discuss goals for the organization and how to best meet the needs of Jobs of Hope participants. Thank you to Baessler Homes for hosting us and allowing the board to meet in your beautiful new building!



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