



Ringing the Bell

August 2023 Newsletter

Harold Neal: From Homelessness to Hope - A Journey of Second Chances

Harold Neal, originally from Texas, found himself on the West Coast in 1995, seeking a better life but ended up homeless and battling addiction for over four years. His turning point came when he connected with McAlister Institute, breaking free from addiction. He then joined **Second Chance, Class #17** completing the Job Readiness Training program in 1999.

Founder of Second Chance Scott Silverman recognized Harold's potential and hired him to assist others in need, providing services like bus passes, medical referrals, and more. This experience ignited Harold's purpose – helping others who, like him, deserved a second chance.

Harold's newfound confidence led to motivational presentations for diverse audiences, inspiring high school students, veterans, law enforcement, and youth groups. But life had more challenges in store. In October 29, 2000 as he was driving down a dark, rainy road in La Jolla, a man suddenly jumped in front of his truck. Unfortunately, the injuries he sustained were fatal. Distraught, Harold soon learned from the CHP that the victim suffered from bi-polar depression and decided to end his life. The tragic incident stayed with Harold for a long time, making him wonder about the meaning of it all. In 2019, Harold faced another hurdle, kidney failure, leading him to dialysis. A guardian angel named Dee came forward, offering him a kidney, giving Harold not just a new organ but a renewed lease on life. He's profoundly grateful to Dee and believes in the power of second chances, a lesson he learned on his journey to a brighter future.



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Thank you to the following recent supporters:

- [Capital One](#) for supporting our Job Readiness Training Program.
- [Starbucks Foundation](#) for their Neighborhood Grant.
- [Charles and Ruth Billingsley Foundation](#) to support the Youth Garden
- [David C. Copley Foundation](#) which has been making grants to non-profits in San Diego since 1953, made a significant contribution for our Job Readiness Training Program.
- [Enlyte](#) for facilitating and volunteering for the Second Chance Treasures event on Community Day.
- [Maurice J. Masserini Trust](#) in support of the Job Readiness Training program.
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Enlyte's Support Shines at Second Chance Treasures Event!



The recent Second Chance Treasures event was a resounding success, thanks to the incredible support of Enlyte. The volunteers from Enlyte wore vibrant purple shirts as they helped to run the Second Chance Treasures booth during our Community Day on July 28th. This event drew a large crowd, with attendees exploring the array of exquisite items for sale, resulting in over \$900 in proceeds for the Youth Garden Program.

The presence of Enlyte volunteers added a special touch to the event. MG Kristian, a Second Chance board member at large and Enlyte employee, played a pivotal role in organizing the booth and curating the items for sale. Reflecting on the day, Kristian shared, "It was heartwarming to witness my friends and colleagues come together on such a beautiful day and recognize the significance of programs like Second Chance." Enthusiasm spread as numerous vendors participated in the event, contributing to the festive atmosphere. The positive response has paved the way for the [upcoming Community Day scheduled for Friday, August 25th, from 3-5pm at Second Chance](#). Make sure not to miss this exciting event, where the spirit of community and support will once again take center stage.

Second Chance & Sharia's Closet

are putting on a clothing drive!



Second Chance

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Sharia's Closet
6244 El Cajon Blvd #5, San Diego, CA 92115

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