



Ringling the Bell

June 2023 E-Newsletter



Game Changer: Josh's Story

Josh entered our Reentry Program in the fall of 2021. Years of drug addiction and alcohol abuse, coupled with multiple jail sentences, resulted in losing his family, his jobs, and soon his housing. Josh landed on the streets, along with numerous others, his hopes for a positive future fading with each passing day. In August 2022, after a 3-month stint in CRASH (Community Resources and Self Help), Josh enrolled in Second Chance's Job Readiness Training (JRT) program.

That program became a game changer for him. After he completed the 4-week program, and learned job search skills and gained the confidence needed to find employment, Josh was successful in landing a job as a Building Technician at Citymark. Since last fall, he has already received two promotions - and is on his way toward achieving the stability and self-sufficiency he could only dream of years before. Josh also continues to develop his skills as a musician, sharing his gift with others, and hoping to inspire those still struggling to find what he had found: a second chance.



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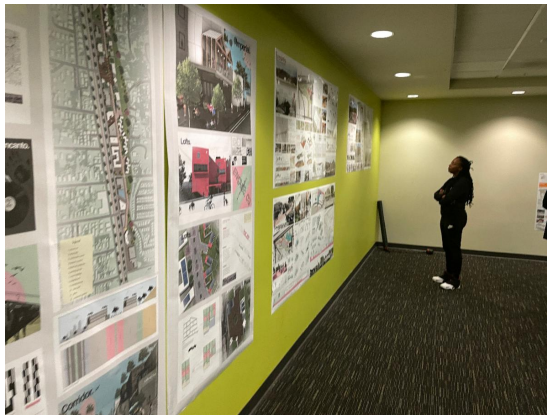
- Second Chance received a \$50,000 award from the County of San Diego's District Attorney's Community Grant Program to support our Youth Garden program. We are deeply grateful to the District Attorney's office for this generous commitment, which helps at-risk youth in our community access the skills, tools and resources to be successful in school and employment.
- The Second Chance Youth Garden received five fruit trees and a \$1,500 grant from SDGE & Healthy Day Partners.
- Thank you to San Diego Futures Foundation for the donation of 5 laptops.

Help Make a Difference

Second Chance hosted the San Diego Black Arts & Culture Anniversary Celebration



Second Chance was honored to host the San Diego Black Arts & Culture District 1st Anniversary celebration on Friday, June 9th. In addition to celebrating this one year milestone, the event featured the unveiling of designs and details for the look of the district, by students from the New School of Architecture and Design. Assemblymember Akilah Weber, MD, DA Summer Stephan, Mayor Todd Gloria, Council President pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe, Councilmember Raul Campillo, San Diego City Commission For Arts & Culture and a wonderful group of residents, leaders, and visionaries all enjoyed the evening.



Don't Miss Community Day June 30th!



What: Come celebrate our community! Bring your friends and family to this free event where you can enjoy fresh Produce, tacos, a DJ, ice cream, crafts, games and more.
Where: Second Chance parking lot, 6145 Imperial Ave. SD, CA. 92114
When: On Friday, June 30th 3 pm - 5 pm.



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