



TALLER SAN JOSE

ST. JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP



MISSION STATEMENT

Taller San Jose walks wounded young people out of poverty by offering the hope of a productive and self-reliant future.

ABOUT TALLER SAN JOSE

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange founded Taller San Jose in 1995 in response to rising crime and gang violence rates among the City of Santa Ana's youth, and the lack of resources available to young people who had dropped out of school or been incarcerated.

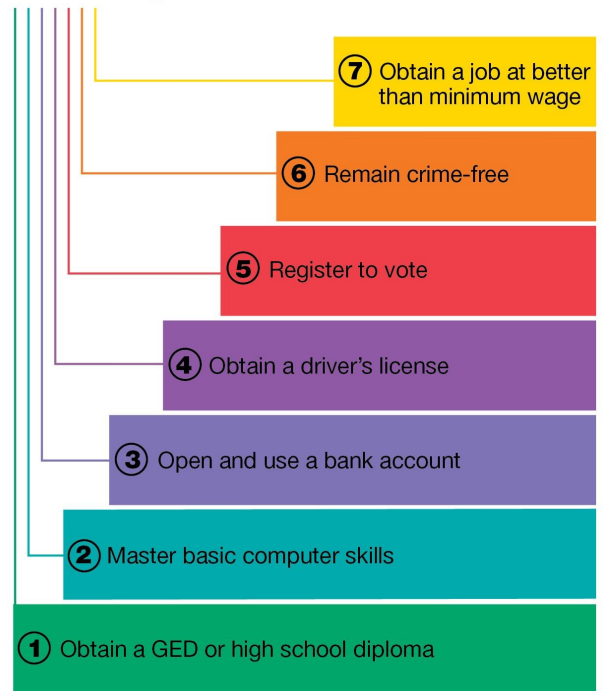
In Spanish, a "taller" is a workshop, a place to build and repair things. "San Jose" is Spanish for St. Joseph, the patron saint of workers. At Taller San Jose, troubled young people work to develop skills for a brighter future.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Taller San Jose offers job training programs in Construction, Medical, and Office Careers. Students participate in resume writing, mock interviews, and other job coaching activities, while personal development workshops on financial literacy, healthy relationships, and other topics reduce their barriers to building productive lives. Program components work to help each young person accomplish Taller San Jose's Seven Steps to Success.

Taller San Jose's 16 week training programs simulate the workforce; students earn a \$100 weekly stipend and must have right-to-work documents, as well as show up everyday, on time and drug free. Case Managers follow up with students for 24 months after program graduation and alumni are encouraged to attend supplemental trainings, workshops, and special events.

Seven Steps to Success



TALLER SAN JOSE IN NUMBERS

Our Clients

- Ages served: 18-28
- 58% of male students are on probation or parole
- 77% are unemployed
- 72% are Latino

Budget

- Taller San Jose has an annual operating budget of \$2.7 million
- Of every \$1 Taller San Jose spends, \$.79 funds programs and services that directly benefit students
- Funding Sources: Individuals and Corporations (29%), Foundations (32%), Hope Builders and Program Services Fees (15%), Government (9%), Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange (8%), Other (7%)

Our Impact

- Since 1995, Taller San Jose has walked more than 4,500 young adults out of poverty through job training that leads to living wage employment
- In 2010:
 - 200 new students enrolled
 - 178 alumni served
 - 168 graduates placed into employment
- Average wage: \$10.50 per hour
- 70% of students remain employed one year after graduation
- 1 in 3 graduates begin college or an apprenticeship
- 92% with a criminal record do not reoffend

COMMUNITY NEED

- The cost of living in Orange County is twice the state minimum wage of \$8.00 per hour; a single adult with no children needs to earn at least \$34,932 per year to make ends meet. (California Budget Project, 2010)
- Rising healthcare costs are affecting Orange County's lowest earners. A half-million Orange County residents lack insurance and 34% of Santa Ana residents are uninsured—the 13th highest rate in the nation. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2009)
- In California, 70% of past offenders return to jail within 24 months of release; only 8% of Taller San Jose graduates reoffend.
- Santa Ana was named the city with the highest level of “urban hardship,” citing its chronic poverty, high unemployment, low education levels, overcrowded housing, and immigration. (Rockefeller Institute of Government, 2004)

RECOGNITION

- In 2008, Ashoka honored Taller San Jose with an international Changemaker Award, for demonstrating an innovative approach to helping a generation of young people fulfill their potential and become healthy, successful adults.
- Bank of America honored Taller San Jose with the Neighborhood Builders Award in 2008.
- Founder and President Emerita, Sister Eileen Mc Nerney, was awarded the Orange County Community Foundation's Legacy of a Lifetime Award and the Women in Business Award from the Orange County Business Journal.

ABOUT LIGHT UP A LIFE

Taller San Jose's fundraiser, Light up a Life, is a festive evening with a silent auction, Amigo scholarship drive, opportunity drawing, gourmet dinner, video presentation and alumni speaker. Held at Mission San Capistrano, the event draws 600 business and community leaders annually. In 2010, Light up a Life raised net proceeds of \$455,000. The 15th Annual Light up a Life Dinner Auction is on Saturday, September 10, 2011 and will honor Guaranty Chevrolet with the Best of Friends Award.

For more information, please contact Laura Palmer at (714) 543-5105 ext. 123.



LIGHT UP A LIFE

ABOUT HOPE BUILDERS

In 2006, Taller San Jose launched Hope Builders, Inc., a licensed general contracting company and social enterprise that expands Taller San Jose's existing training services and creates jobs for unemployed youth. Hope Builders partners with local cities to build affordable housing and serves the capital improvement needs of the Orange County nonprofit community. For more information, please contact John M. Raya at (714) 543-5105 ext. 209 or visit www.tallersanjose.org/hope-builders.



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GET INVOLVED

Volunteer

Share your knowledge and career insight while seeing the incredible growth young men and women achieve during their time at Taller San Jose. Training, support, and materials are provided.

- Tutor math skills
- Participate in mock interviews
- Lead a life skills session

To volunteer contact Laura Palmer, Special Projects Manager at (714) 543-5105 ext. 123 or lpalmer@tallersanjose.org

Attend Taller San Jose WORKS

Get an insider's tour of Taller San Jose, and invite others to join.

Upcoming dates:

- June 14, 8:30 AM
- July 12, 1:00 PM
- August 9, 8:30 AM
- September 13, 1:00 PM
- October 11, 8:30 AM

To attend a tour, contact Laura Palmer, Special Projects Manager at (714) 543-5105 ext. 123 or lpalmer@tallersanjose.org.

Hire a Graduate

If your company is seeking trained and reliable candidates, consider hiring a Taller San Jose graduate.

Taller San Jose's training programs:

- Turn out skilled, reliable workers
- Simulate the workforce
- Promote professional growth

For more information about hiring a Taller San Jose graduate, contact Meghan Medlin, Job Developer, at (714) 543-5105 ext. 138 or mmedlin@tallersanjose.org.