

Turning lives  
around

Re**IGNITE** HOPE<sup>™</sup>





# Our mission

ReIgnite Hope is a unique training program that started in 2010 on Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles teaching valuable job skills to men and women, many of whom have been homeless, gang members and ex-offenders.

Our program has three goals:

01

We teach students a marketable job skill, giving them dignity and enabling them to provide for their families reigniting a hope for their future.

02

We mentor students seeking to turn their lives around by teaching them important life skills through our faith-based program.

03

We replicate our job training program in cities across the United States and around the world.



# Our story

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there is a shortage of 250,000 welders nationwide. This is one of many skilled trades that are in high demand.

ReIgnite Hope helps students get certified in the welding trade and our program assists with job placement after graduation. Our students have the power to change their lives for the better, gained from the support and skills they attain in our free, hands-on classroom.

ReIgnite Hope trains hundreds of men and women annually as certified welders. We are proud of the statistic that 100% of our students passed their welding certification exam given by the American Welding Society on the very first try. Most of our graduates find immediate employment.

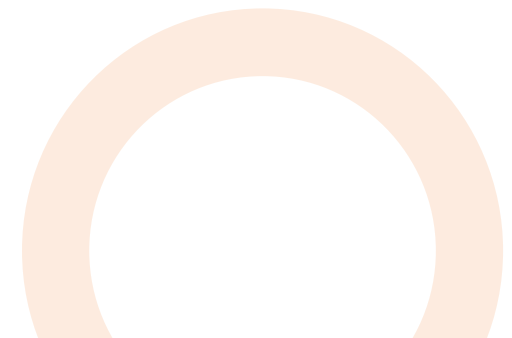


Our partnerships with private companies and employment agencies in Los Angeles provide our students with job placement soon after graduation. In addition to vocational support, we have created a family environment where former students often return on their days off to mentor the new students.

Most of our former students now earn good salaries that have been life-changing for their families. Still others have joined unions and are building up pensions — a dream that once seemed far out of reach.

In 2010, our first class from Fred Jordan Mission consisted of five homeless men. We rapidly outgrew the available space at the Mission. Sunscope donated a more spacious facility near the Mission which we happily used for four years. However, we had to turn away increasing numbers of students because we couldn't accommodate larger classes. Due to the ever-growing size of our classes, we moved to a larger facility in Gardena where we now can serve a much larger student body.

ReIgnite Hope does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies and other school administered programs.



# Student success stories



## Jennifer Ward

### Welding is not just for men!

I was a student at ReIgnite Hope. I want to encourage all the women to apply for this school. I have two kids and was driving a truck, but have seen there is so much more potential for me to provide for my family if I was a certified welder. The instructors and all the students make me feel comfortable and welcome. So come on ladies, apply.



## Rickyne Hill

### Plentiful jobs brings peace of mind

I grew up in a rough neighborhood, and dropped out of high school. I was in and out of prison. The last time I got out, my mom forced me to join ReIgnite Hope's welding school. I learned more than just welding. I was encouraged and mentored by the instructors. They took an interest in me. Now that I have a child of my own, I need to support more than just myself.

What gives me peace is that every day I know I can go online and see tons of welding jobs. I find it easy to gain employment as a welder with my skills and certification. I give back to ReIgnite Hope by volunteering my time to help teach and encourage others who were like me. My mom says that after the 16-week class, I am a new man



## Jimmy Brown

### A moment of clarity

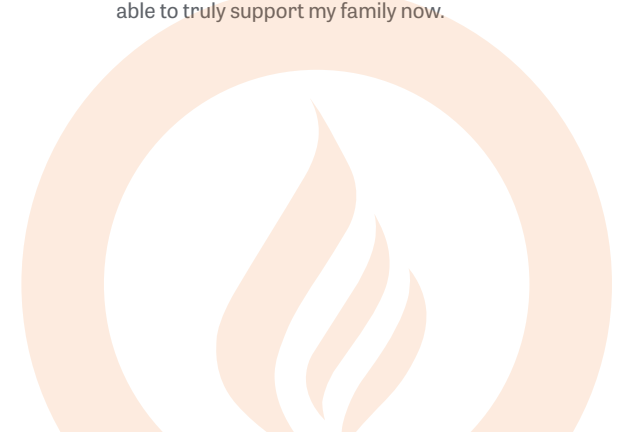
Before ReIgnite Hope my life was miserable. In 1997, my twin brother was shot and killed. One of my close friends died in my arms. When I was shot three times, I thought to myself, 'I need to turn my life around.' After nine months of recovery, I attended a job fair and heard about ReIgnite Hope. The class not only taught me how to weld, but also taught me how to be humble. Our instructor is super humble and I thought to myself, I want to be like him. From the time I met him, I got a good vibe. He also helped me with my temper and lack of patience. The future is bright.



## Tony Linares

### Supporting my family

Before ReIgnite Hope, life was tough. My wife had lost her job. I was looking for work for over five months. I finally took a job working nights making deliveries. It was hard to make ends meet and really hard being away from my family. I learned how to weld and got certified at ReIgnite Hope and shortly thereafter I got hired. On weekends I came back to ReIgnite Hope to practice and get higher certifications. I now work for the water authority and make over \$40 per hour. My welding training has given me a lot of confidence and a career. My boss tells me I am a huge asset to the company. I am able to truly support my family now.





# Our future



We believe our winning strategy to change the lives of gang members, the homeless and ex-offenders can work in any environment, any city. We now have locations open in downtown Philadelphia and abroad in the Philippines and Brazil. Potential new locations include: Orange County, Las Vegas, Dallas, Atlanta and Chicago.



We also have a heart to expand our program to include young men and women returning home after serving our country. The unemployment rate of our Veterans is alarmingly high. These treasured Veterans of ours deserve our help in learning a marketable trade in this booming business sector. Two days a week, we offer classes exclusively for Veterans.

Our job training program will soon go mobile. Customized with eight welding stations and a small classroom, our 18-wheeler will fill the demand for ReIgnite Hope programs in neighboring cities within 100 miles of our home base in Gardena. Where students cannot come to us, the mobile training center allows us to go to them. We expect this innovation to immediately double the number of lives we can touch.





# Donations

Tuition for our training program is free. Most of our students lack the financial resources to pay for the school. What they lack in funds, they make up for with a fierce desire to work hard and create a better future for themselves and their families. Will you or your company consider supporting ReIgnite Hope?

We invite you to visit our school, see it first-hand and speak with our students. Come experience the life-changing work that goes on every day at ReIgnite Hope.

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