

BIOGRAPHY OF SCOTT H. SILVERMAN



Scott Silverman is the Executive Director and founder of Second Chance, a non-profit charitable organization founded in 1993. Second Chance is committed to breaking the cycle of under and unemployment, poverty and homelessness that plague our city. This is accomplished by offering job readiness training, job placement and affordable housing to men, women and young adults who desire to change their lives.

In 1998, Scott spearheaded an effort to bring STRIVE, the nationally recognized job readiness training program from Harlem, New York to San Diego. STRIVE is now a division of Second Chance, offering a three-week intensive classroom experience, assistance with job placement, and a two-year follow up program to participants. In 2003, Second Chance launched the new Prisoner Reentry Employment Program (PREP) targeted at the projected 8,600 prisoners being released in San Diego each year. In 2004 Second Chance acquired the Hillcrest Ben & Jerry's PartnerShop® to provide young adults, age 15 through 25, with real world work experience and opportunities

to build skills through job training. Most recently, Second Chance acquired and moved into its new headquarters located in Southeastern San Diego.

Prior to developing the Second Chance program, Scott ran a diverse real estate business through innovative property management and effective gang eradication. He also acted as the Vice President of Operations for a local, family-owned specialty chain. His background knowledge of real estate, housing, business development, support services, and recovery issues makes him uniquely qualified to direct Second Chance and its innovative programs.

In 1987, Scott and a partner formed Management Alert, a non-profit organization that worked with local law enforcement to educate landlords, property management companies, resident managers, and city and county agencies on drug and gang eradication and effective management techniques. While working with the Management Alert programs, the need for an organization that could provide opportunities for members of the community who want to improve themselves and become self-sufficient became clear. Second Chance was created to fill this need.

Scott has received many awards recognizing his leadership and dedication to the improvement of our community including the Henrietta Rubenstein Community Award, Eureka's Outstanding Fellow Award, the Downtown San Diego Partnership's Frank Curran Humanitarian Award, the San Diego Press Club Headliner Award, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors Citizen of the Week Award, It Takes A Community Award Honoree. Scott is an active member of the community as a Rotarian, a Eureka Fellow, member Eureka Communities National Board of Trustees, National Steering Committee member of STRIVE National and a past Board member of the San Diego Community Housing Corporation. In 2003, Scott was selected as one of the Top 50 People to Watch by San Diego Magazine. In October 2005, Scott was given the Channel 10 Leadership Award for the second time. In February 2007, he was appointed to the City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention. In April 2007, Scott was voted as one of four "Who Are Your Heroes?" sponsored by KNSD NBC San Diego.

Scott is a native San Diegan. He and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters, Jessica, 21 and Gracie, 16 years old.