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Second Chance

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CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SUCCESS



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Second Chance:

- Non-profit agency established in 1993 to help the homeless and chronically unemployed with jobs, housing and life skills.
- National reputation in the field of workforce development with a focus on the hardest-to-serve unemployed/ underemployed population.
- Vision: Empower people to open doors, change lives and strengthen community.
- Mission: Create opportunities for self-sufficiency by providing job readiness training, employment placement, affordable housing and life skills for homeless and unemployed men, women and youth.
- Provided 12,581 services to 4,000 low-income, homeless and economically-disadvantaged individuals in 2007.
- \$3.0 million operating budget in 2008.
- Own and operate eight alcohol- and drug-free homes.
- Current initiatives focus on program expansion, prisoner re-entry, mental health, advocacy and financial stability.
- Brought the nationally-recognized STRIVE job readiness training program to San Diego in 1998 and was featured in a special report on *60 Minutes* in 1999. Between its inception in San Diego in 1998 and 2008, 3,500 economically disadvantaged individuals have graduated from our nationally recognized STRIVE job readiness training program.
- Seventy percent of Second Chance graduates find employment and 70% of those graduates retain their employment after two years. These rates of program success remain unprecedented in San Diego and are extraordinary given the populations served by our agency.
- **Second Chance returns to the community five times what it spends in one year of operation – a 500% Return on Investment (ROI).** This includes direct government cost savings of reduced recidivism and the money Second Chance graduates contribute to the community through the taxes they pay.
- Diverse and highly-committed staff including several staff members who are graduates of our programs.
- Agency is overseen and guided by a diverse volunteer Board of Directors.
- 2008 events include: Recovery Ambassadors Workshop on March 29; Community Job & Resource Fair and Adopt-A-House on May 16-17; and *Celebrating 15 Years of Success* gala fundraiser on September 6.

Supporting reports and documentation for the figures cited here are available on the Second Chance website at www.secondchanceprogram.org.