



Second Chance™

NEWS SUMMER 2006

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.
INSPIRING LIVES.

Vision

Empowering people to open doors, change lives and strengthen community.

Mission

Creating opportunities for self-sufficiency by providing job readiness training, employment placement, affordable housing, and life skills for homeless and unemployed men, women and youth.

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Clean-Up



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Landscaping at
Second Chance



Painting



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Painting at the
Rodriguez Home

Adopt-A-Block



Shell Trading doing landscaping
- Tubman Chavez Center



UCSD Water Polo Team
at the Maxwell Home



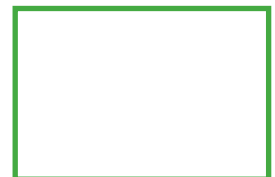
Project Design Consultants
at the Encanto Rec Center



Mural designed by
Leonard Gonzales



UCSD Preuss School
- Mural Painting



Joe Benoit
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Painting at Second Chance



Lot Clean-Up



Frazee & STRIVE Teams
at the 46th Street House



12th Annual
Adopt-A-Block
Saturday, May 20, 2006

On May 20, 2006, over 800 San Diegans traded in their extra weekend hours of sleep or breakfast with the family for sore backs, a little sunburn, and some dirty hands. Sponsored once again by Union Bank of California, the 12th Annual Adopt-A-Block brought together volunteers from all over San Diego to support the communities in Southeastern San Diego and Second Chance. Along with being a financial sponsor Union Bank also provided a volunteer team, as did paint sponsor Frazee Paint & Wallcoverings, which donated all of the paint and painting supplies, and media sponsor Volunteer 8 (a collaboration of KFMB Channel 8 News, Wells Fargo & Volunteer San Diego).

During the event, volunteer teams from organizations and groups such as National Charity League, the UCSD Water Polo Team, Mortgage It, San Diego City Fire Fighters, San Diego Youth Commission, Teen Volunteers in Action, the UCSD Preuss School and many others helped paint a mural, paint homes in the community, clear forgotten vacant lots of litter and overgrown weeds, and remove seven 40-cubic yard dumpsters of debris and garbage. After the event, volunteers returned to Second Chance to enjoy lunch provided by SeaWorld, refresh with water provided by 10,000 RV, and of course have some ice cream, provided by our Ben & Jerry's Second Chance PartnerShop located in Hillcrest.

Adopt-A-Block provides annual funding for Second Chance as well as an opportunity for everyone who wants to be involved to give back to the community. The staff, board members and clients of Second Chance would like to thank all of the donors and volunteers for helping make the 12th Annual Adopt-A-Block a success!

Stop by and visit
the Ben & Jerry's
Second Chance
PartnerShop!

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Letter from the Board Chair



Second Chance
Board of Directors

Dear Friends of Second Chance,

It's hard to believe that half of 2006 is behind us already. As we enter the second half of the year, Second Chance has made several significant accomplishments and has some great plans for the balance of the year.

Several year-to-date accomplishments include:

- The addition of three board members to the Board of Directors.
- The receipt of two major "seed" gifts for our Capital Campaign, which will be formally launched later this year.
- The completion of the second largest STRIVE Graduating Class in the nation in May.
- Another successful Adopt-A-Block Event held on May 20th in Encanto.
- The completion of a major study by California State University at San Marcos of the Prisoner Reentry Employment Program (PREP) that validates the significant success of the Second Chance and PREP Model. More details to follow.

As you will see in this issue of the newsletter, the big event coming up is the Centennial Celebration at SeaWorld on Saturday, October 21st. I can't say enough about the hard work the Event Committee has put into making this a premier event for Second Chance and the San Diego Community. One of the biggest contributors of time, talent and overall resources is Roi Ewell, Vice President of Human Resources for SeaWorld and a Second Chance Board Member, the wonderful staff at SeaWorld and the entire SeaWorld organization. Simply stated, this event would not be a reality without them. Many thanks from all of us at Second Chance.

I hope to see you at the event and thank you so much for your continued interest and support of Second Chance.

Sincerely,

Ray Ellis
Board Chair

The 100th Second Chance STRIVE Class will graduate this fall!

Saturday, October 21, 2006

Second Chance plans to honor graduates at our premier
Celebration of Success party hosted by SeaWorld.



Save the date! Contact Jo Ann Jaffe at 619.234.8888, ext. 115.

The Second Chance Prisoner Reentry Employment Program (PREP) is providing former inmates a bridge between incarceration and a full, productive life back in the community. Male and female ex-inmates receive case management that connects them with health, mental health and substance abuse services, the three-week intensive STRIVE boot camp to prepare them for the work force, job placement and alcohol- and drug-free housing.

PREP addresses the challenge of successfully reintegrating the nearly 10,000 prison inmates that return each year to the San Diego Community. Without interventions such as **PREP**, many of these former prisoners will suffer severe poverty, physical and mental health problems and even homelessness. A substantial number will again commit crimes, violate their parole and be re-incarcerated.

Funded by The California Endowment, **The Second Chance PREP Program** plans to release the results of a three-year study next month, demonstrating its effectiveness as a model for reducing the high rate of recidivism. The program already has 200 graduates and an impressive 80% employment placement rate. It is estimated that the program has saved more than \$8 million to date by keeping a majority of its participants from being locked up again.

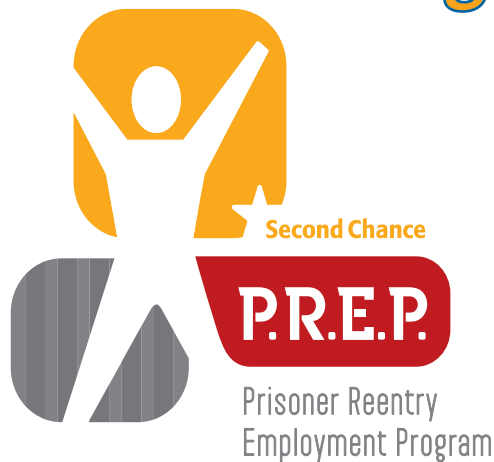
California has the highest incarceration rate in the country; about 40 percent of those behind bars are in our state. Since founding Second Chance in 1993, Executive Director, Scott H. Silverman, has been working with the “hardest to serve” clients, what society sees as “the throwaway people,” the homeless, ex-offenders, and chronically unemployed.

What propelled him was his experience at a food shelter, seeing the same desperate faces over and over again. He began to ask clients, “If I helped you get a job, would you be interested?” After the overwhelming, positive response, Second Chance was born.

Silverman says that the mental health component of **PREP** is vital to the program’s success and the turnaround in the lives of participants. Counselors in the program say that supporting the mental health of the ex-inmates has contributed to their “long term emotional stability and self-esteem.” Silverman says, “They

come back a year or two down the road, after completing the program and they’ve gotten married, they’re having their first child and they’re really well. They’ve got self-sufficiency written all over them and they’re walking and talking the line... of success.”

Walking



the line.



Kelvin Evans
STRIVE Graduate, Class #92

time to straighten up. He began taking classes in drafting, printing and graphic arts and received his GED. Kelvin developed a passion for bodybuilding and won several titles while incarcerated.

In 1983 Kelvin was eligible for parole and began what would be over a 20-year trip of appearances that brought him in front of the parole board 18 times. After his 13th appearance, in 1996, he was found suitable for parole only to have the decision overturned 5 months later because he did not have a job lined up. At his 18th appearance, in 2005, Kelvin was again found suitable for parole. However this time was different. Thanks to the diligent support of his brother Mike, and his attorney Carolyn Wiggins, Kelvin was found suitable for parole. His brother testified on his behalf and reached out to Judi Patterson and Lisa Comaduran at Second Chance to get Kelvin enrolled in the Prisoner Reentry Employment Program (PREP). After going before the Governor and then back to another parole board,

Kelvin was released at the age of 48 after serving 28 years and 7 months of his life sentence. Kelvin got right to work on lining up his new life. Considering he spent 60% of his life in prison, he had a big task ahead of him. He moved into a Second Chance alcohol- and drug-free home and graduated from Second Chance’s STRIVE job readiness training program in February 2006. His other personal achievements have included purchasing a cell phone (something that didn’t even exist before he went into prison) and a truck. He has also spent time with his family in San Diego and has had visits from his brother Mike who lives in Texas and his parents who live in Arizona.

Looking back on the time that he’s been out, Kelvin says, “It really didn’t hit me until about 3 weeks after I was out, that I was really out of prison. It was all I knew for almost 30 years.” Kelvin is now employed as a courier for JAC’s Enterprises and thanks his boss Steve Watkins for giving him the second chance to work.

In 1977, at age 19, Kelvin Evans was arrested and sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. Kelvin spent 9 years in prison before he decided it was

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2006 Calendar

Graduation - Class #96
 Friday, June 23, 2006, at 11:00 AM
4th District Community-Wide Job Fair
 Wednesday, June 28, 2006, Noon – 4 pm
Orientation - Class #97
 Friday, July 7, 2006, at 9:00 AM
Graduation - Class #97
 Friday, July 28, 2006, at 11:00 AM
Orientation - Class #98
 Friday, August 4, 2006, at 9:00 AM
Graduation - Class #98
 Friday, August 25, 2006, at 11:00 AM
Orientation - Class #99
 Friday, September 1, 2006, at 9:00 AM
Graduation - Class #99
 Friday, September 22, 2006, at 11:00 AM
Orientation - Class #100
 Friday, September 29, 2006, at 9:00 AM
Graduation - Class #100
 Friday, October 20, 2006, at 11:00 AM
Second Chance Celebration of Success
 Saturday, October 21, 2006
Orientation - Class #101
 Friday, October 27, 2006, at 9:00 AM
Graduation - Class #101
 Friday, November 17, 2006, at 11:00 AM
Orientation - Class #102
 Friday, December 1, 2006, at 9:00 AM
Graduation - Class #102
 Friday, December 22, 2006, at 11:00 AM



Attention Employers & Job Seekers! Second Chance Community-Wide Job Fair

**Wednesday, June 28, 2006
Noon – 4pm**

We are located between 61st & 62nd Streets, near the 62nd Street Trolley Station in Encanto.

We invite you to our first Community-Wide Job Fair in Southeastern San Diego.

For more informaton, please contact Employment Specialists David Benites or Paul Aceves at:

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