



Second Chance™

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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Dear Friends of Second Chance,



Mitch Dubick, Esq.

Having concluded my first year as a Second Chance board member, I enter 2009 as a new Vice-Chairman. I made this commitment because I am enthusiastic about the work of the agency, its dedicated staff, and its volunteers.

Through the help of you and others, Second Chance accomplished many important objectives last year, including:

- Increased Second Chance graduates by 55%
- Graduated 810 men, women and young adults from our nationally-recognized STRIVE job readiness program
- Provided 752 job placements, for both the first job after graduation and new jobs for alumni
- Provided safe alcohol- and drug-free housing to 500 residents
- Purchased, remodeled and opened the 35th Street apartment complex, our ninth sober living property
- Launched new financial literacy workshop, *Financial Freedom*, in partnership with United Way of San Diego and Wells Fargo's *Hands on Banking*

Second Chance all this—during challenging economic times—without increasing our staff. Their efforts continue to be a critical part of our powerful results.

However, even with our growth, we cannot serve all those who need a second chance until we build a second classroom, recruit and train additional staff, and acquire additional alcohol- and drug-free houses. We have raised 50% of the funds needed to build a second classroom, but we also need money for the trainers, job developers, case managers and mental health therapists to serve a larger group of program participants.

Please consider a gift to Second Chance to start the new year. Your gift will help in this important work. You should also feel free to contact me or other Second Chance board members with your questions, concerns, or ideas.

Thank you

Mitch Dubick Esq.

Higgs Fletcher & Mack LLP
Second Chance Board of Directors Vice-chair

**2009 Community Job & Resource Fair
and Adopt-A-House coming soon!**

See inside for details.



Community Job & Resource Fair and Adopt-A-House May 15 & 16, 2009

Plan now to be a part of this year's event!

Dear Supporters,

The Second Chance Community Job & Resource Fair will reach out to Encanto and surrounding neighborhoods to provide information about job opportunities and available community services from a variety of organizations. The event will also feature individual resume critique sessions with human resource professionals from local corporations. The mood is relaxed at this outdoor neighborhood event. Company representatives and participants alike are invited to come early to experience the graduation ceremonies for STRIVE class #131. It is always uplifting to hear the future plans of our newest graduates.

Adopt-A-House 2009 marks the 15th anniversary of this event. Our nine sober living properties provide a safe and secure home for 500 residents each year. Our drug- and alcohol-free homes provide opportunities for residents to establish rent readiness budgets and practice independent living skills. For those who want to continue living in a sober living environment but are ready for more independence, we now offer shared apartments at our 35th Street apartment complex. Adopt-A-House volunteer teams will have an opportunity to help us maintain the unique value of these properties by performing maintenance and beautification projects on the homes. This year we are also planning a project at our headquarters building to provide for outdoor lunch seating for STRIVE class participants.

We invite you to participate in the Community Job & Resource Fair and Adopt-A-House. If you are an employer or community service agency, please sign up for a booth. If you are an investor in Second Chance, please consider a sponsorship package and sign up to volunteer. If you are a graduate, please RSVP to attend the Fair and volunteer for Adopt-A-House. Use the convenient form on page 3 or sign up online at our website: www.secondchanceprogram.org.

Gratefully,

Scott H. Silverman

2009 Sponsors as of 2/15/09



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Welcome New Directors

The 2009 Second Chance Board of Directors welcomes four new members and thanks its retiring members.

Joining the Board of Directors this year are: Stephen Chin from Sharp Health Plan; Eric Kiser from Stu Segall Productions/ Strategic Operations and STRIVE graduate; M.G. Kristian from Invitrogen; and Heather Whitley from Manpower.

Recently retiring members are: Cindy Olmstead of Trustworks; Ray Gallagher of Lavine, Lofgren, Morris & Engleberg; Roi Ewell of SeaWorld; and Regina Nolte-Ware of the San Diego Workforce Partnership.

Did You Know?

Facts and Statistics of Interest

- For the first time in United States history, more than 1 of every 100 Americans is incarcerated. The United States incarcerates more people than any country in the world (*The Pew Center on the States Study One in 100: Behind Bars in American 2008*)
- 95% of all prisoners in our country will be released from incarceration. (*Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Justice*)
- California spends nearly \$9 billion per year on its prisons, jails and probation systems. But of the \$43,300 spent per prisoner annually in California, just \$2,053 (5%) is spent on rehabilitation programs. (*Joan Petersilia, Ph.D., Understanding CA Corrections, CA Policy Research Center, University of CA, 2006*)

Help us save money and trees -- give us your email address!

In an effort to maximize our communications with our supporters and minimize the impact of paper newsletters, this is the only paper newsletter planned for 2009. However, Second Chance publishes a monthly electronic newsletter and other periodic email communications. Please give us your email address, either by filling it in on the enclosed response envelope or emailing rwilliamson@secondchanceprogram.org.

VIP Mentors Awards Luncheon

VIP Mentors matches volunteer attorneys with individuals on parole. Mentors provide friendship and real-world experience and advise to those on parole.

VIP Mentors will hold its 34th Anniversary Awards Luncheon on at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on April 24, 2009 from 11:30-1:30. The luncheon will recognize all of VIP Mentors' participants and supporters as well as raise necessary funding. VIP Mentors recently lost its state funding and is in jeopardy of stopping its services.

Special recognition will be given to several outstanding participants, including Second Chance graduates Tarrell Stephens, Jennifer Hiday, and Taylor Jackson who will each receive "Outstanding Achievement" awards. Attorney David Shapiro and Second Chance graduate Fred Gorman will receive one of VIP's "Outstanding Match" awards. Deputy Attorney General Dennis Dawson will receive VIP's "Lifetime Contribution" award.

To purchase luncheon tickets (\$50 each), please contact Jim Pauley, Program Director, at 619-220-5348.

Second Chance *Financial Freedom* Workshop Graduates 36 Students



In 2008 Second Chance expanded its services to STRIVE graduates and housing residents with *Financial Freedom*, an eight week class covering the basics of money management -- budgeting, credit, banking, home ownership, and self-employment. This financial literacy class is funded by a grant from the United Way and uses the *Hands On Banking* curriculum from Wells Fargo.

On November 25, 36 individuals were presented with graduation certificates. They completed 16 hours of instruction plus demonstrated the ability to maintain a bank account and credit account in good standing.

Financial Freedom classes continue in 2009 and are open to employed STRIVE graduates and residents of Second Chance houses.

Community Job & Resource Fair and Adopt-A-House 2009

Please sign me up for the following:

- Event Sponsor** at the following level. All sponsors will be featured on the appropriate event signage, in the program and on the website. Early registrants will be listed in all public relations efforts.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Event Sponsor (\$25,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Cosponsor (\$10,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> House Sponsor (\$5,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second Chance Sponsor (\$1,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Sponsor (\$125) | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Volunteer (\$50) |
- Employer Booth:** The \$125 fee includes a shared 10x10 booth, table with cloth, chairs and basic signage. Your organization will be listed in our program and on our website. Early registrants will be listed in all public relations efforts.
- Community Service Booth:** This includes a shared 10x10 booth, table with cloth and chairs, and basic signage. Your organization will be listed in our program and on our website. Early registrants will also be listed in all public relations efforts. There is no charge for 501(c)(3) organizations.
- Adopt-A-House Volunteer:** Volunteers will work in teams to perform maintenance projects on one of Second Chance's sober living properties or at headquarters. There is no charge to volunteer.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer team of _____ people from _____ organization. |
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Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment information

- Check enclosed Please send invoice
- Charge my credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) # _____
- Exp. date: _____ Vcode: _____
- Signature: _____

2009 Calendar

Orientation - Class #129
Friday, February 27, 9:00 AM

Graduation - Class #129
Friday, March 20, 11:00 AM

Orientation - Class #130
Friday, March 27, 9:00 AM

Graduation - Class #130
Friday, April 17, 11:00 AM

Orientation - Class #131
Friday, April 24, 9:00 AM

Graduation - Class #131
Friday, May 15, 10:00 AM

Community Job & Resource Fair
Friday, May 15, 1:00-4:00 PM

Adopt-A-House Project Day
Saturday, May 16, 9:00 AM - Noon

Orientation - Class #132
Friday, June 5, 9:00 AM

Graduation - Class #132
Friday, June 26, 11:00 AM

Complete calendar available on
the website



www.secondchanceprogram.org



Second Chance™

Start 2009 with Double Impact

Investors can double the impact of their contributions by giving now in conjunction with the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Challenge Grant. This grant was awarded to Second Chance two years ago and provides for a doubling of donations given to Second Chance, up to \$200,000 per year for three years through 2009. Your donation will be matched two to one! Please donate any amount that you can today. Help provide capacity for the increasing numbers of individuals asking for a second chance.

Yes, I would like to donate \$_____ to Second Chance.

Please fill out this card and indicate your payment preference on the enclosed envelope and mail back to us to complete your donation. Or visit our website to donate online.

Thank you for supporting Second Chance and the people we serve!

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