

Greetings from Executive Director, Cary Sanders

Audacious is a fitting word for our start to 2022. You responded audaciously with generosity to our end-of-the-year request for support in our 2021 Impact Report.

As our community has responded audaciously to one of society's most intractable issues, criminal justice, we are winning significant battles in the fight. The transformation we are witnessing firsthand is a testament to the difference God and His people can make in men's and women's lives when people give and serve courageously.

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of 2022 is already complete. I hope you will be inspired and encouraged as you read this exciting update. Your generosity is helping us fuel lasting change in our community. As you read this update, imagine how many more people we could provide with life-transforming opportunities if you took a bold step and invited two people this year to join you in partnering with JUMPSTART to help men and women have a future greater than their past.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

In 2022 we have exciting new volunteer opportunities for those who wish to get plugged in!

- Invite JUMPSTART staff to share at your church, workplace, or other community speaking engagements. We love the opportunity to share about our mission and make new partnerships!
- Host a dinner and invite a few friends and family members that you believe might enjoy the opportunity to learn about JUMPSTART. The host of the dinner would have the chance to share their personal "why" for partnering with JUMPSTART.
- As a supporter, we invite you to join us (virtually or in-person) at one of our Tuesday staff meetings and encourage our team with words of wisdom, devotion, or your testimony.
- Partner with JUMPSTART by becoming a monthly donor! Month after month, your scheduled donations will make a difference in transforming the futures of men and women on their second chance journey

Let us know where you feel led to further support the work of JUMPSTART!

Restoration Village - A Beacon of Hope

The progress of Restoration Village is exciting to see! Our first three homes have been built and construction for the overall development continues to progress. We are now preparing for our first residents to occupy these new homes.

You can be a part of this great work through prayerful support or through a financial donation that will help us maintain our momentum and successfully forge ahead. To help make a difference through this exciting project, text "Restoration" to 888-592-3017.

Restoration Village will provide not only housing and transportation, but support, accountability, and a proven path towards success for those transitioning from incarceration back into our community.



Over the past 10 years, JUMPSTART has served over 3,500 men and women who have been released from incarceration, and 96% of them have remained free after their release. Restoration Village will help us help even more men and women transition from prisoners to productive citizens.



Total Given to Date

\$2.9 million



Number of Returning Citizens Served in Transitional Housing annually

125+



Cost for six-bedroom home



\$235k



Cost Per Bedroom



\$40k

Cost Per Square Foot
\$81



Cost to Fully Furnish a Home



\$27.5k



96%

JUMPSTART's Success Rate

Numbers of Homes Still needing funding

21

800k Cost to Complete Life Center

Events, Trainings, Medical and Dental Office

Amount of savings to SC taxpayers annually

\$12+ million

(This number will increase over time as JUMPSTART serves more people)



Amount Remaining to Complete Project

\$7 million

Safer Communities, Restored Lives, & Reunited Families= Priceless

Why We Never Give Up Hope

Betty is the mother of one of our participants named Michael. To understand Michael's story, you must know Betty's story, too. Betty was adopted when she was four, and her adoptive mom was an emotionally abusive person. As you can imagine, her upbringing was difficult, so when Betty was old enough, she married Michael's dad in a desperate move to escape a bad family situation.

Unfortunately, things were not much better in marriage because Michael's dad influenced his children to commit crimes, get involved with drugs, and make poor decisions. This led Michael to spend most of his time with his mother until he grew older.

While away from his mother, Michael attempted to steal a motorcycle with another young man. The crime ended in disaster after Michael crashed into a power pole resulting in injuries that landed him in a coma for two weeks. No one expected him to fully recover, but Betty never gave up hope for her son and he miraculously recovered.

It did not take long for Michael to return to his ways. While attempting to go to California, he was arrested for grand theft auto. What Michael and Betty did not know was that this was the start of a new chapter in Michael's life. Because of the auto theft charges, Michael was incarcerated, and he spent the next 30 years in and out of prison. While in prison, Michael became involved with JUMPSTART and was accepted into their transitional program upon his release. His life would change forever.

For Betty, she never gave up on Michael. During his 30-year period of being in and out of prison, Betty tried numerous times to get Michael into a counseling rehabilitation facility. Nothing helped until Michael met JUMPSTART. Betty truly believes that had Michael been involved with a group like JUMPSTART many years ago, he would have had a much better life and made wiser decisions.

Betty knows how hard it can be to remain hopeful when your loved one is facing serious ramifications for committing a crime, but she wants to let everyone know you must keep looking for positive alternatives like JUMPSTART (or similar programs). She encourages everyone to "seek and you will find!"

Betty's Advice for Those Struggling with Remaining Hopeful:

Betty wanted to encourage and uplift mothers or friends and family of those battling addiction or crime. To those who are on the verge of giving up or losing hope in the transformation of their incarcerated or released loved one, she says this: Do not give up! Keep praying! God is listening and will answer in His time! With JUMPSTART, Betty is more hopeful of a true transformation for her son, Michael.

As her final words of advice, she has this to say:



"Sometimes you have to step back, let go, and let God be God! It is one of the hardest things a parent or loved one can do. If we try to interfere, we tend to get in God's way and prevent Him from accomplishing His will! But, for God to work, we have to let go and let Him do what He has to do!"



JUMPSTART Holds First Second Chance Job Fair

Our very first Second Chance Job Fair was a tremendous success thanks to all the employers who are actively impacting our community and to everyone who helped make this event possible. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with businesses in our community as we work together to promote employment opportunities for everyone willing to work hard and earn a living wage.

In particular, we want to say a special thank you to Blue Moon Specialty Foods and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for generously donating snacks to help with our Second Chance Job Fair! We appreciate their partnership and the many other businesses that were involved. Together we will continue to empower returning citizens by connecting them with second chance employers!

JUMPSTART Launches Landscaping Services for the Spartanburg Area

We are so excited to announce that JUMPSTART Landscaping is operational! This new venture exists to provide exceptional landscape maintenance services and create living wage opportunities that help men and women move forward in reaching their potential. Specific services include Mowing, Trimming/Edging, Mulch/Pine Straw Installation, Pruning, Debris removal, Weed control, Leaf removal, Irrigation startup, monitoring and winterizing.

This is a great opportunity to support our community and have your property look attractive and welcoming. We would love the opportunity to bid on any commercial properties in the Spartanburg area! Contact us at (833) 236 - 9033 for further questions and inquiries.



Your support of JUMPSTART makes it possible for us to bring hope to the lost as lives are transformed from the inside out. We are grateful for your prayers, volunteer work, and financial gifts that fuel our ministry.

Thank you!

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Serve

Get plugged in:
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Give

Give securely online at
jumpstartvision.org/financialsupportoptions



Pray

Join our prayer team:
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