



## From Prison to Homeowner: Ron Harrill's Story

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Imagine spending a portion of your life in and out of prison to becoming a supervisor in a program helping individuals on parole re-enter their communities. Just ask 54 year old Ron Harrill who made that his life story. Before his life now, Ron was incarcerated due to drug addiction and poor choices. "I went to a party at 24 and left the party at 46", he says. Ron was in and out of prison for the next 15 years of his life. When he was released, he knew he needed to change. Ron recalls thinking, "If I don't change, I will either die in prison or end up in the wrong side of the pen." Once he was released, he went to West Care clean & sober housing all on his own, not mandated by his parole officer. From the MLK West Care housing, Ron was referred to the West Care Day Reporting Center in Fresno. He was then connected to the Back 2 Work program and was interviewed by our Director Keith Lane and staff from Northern California

Construction Training (NCCT). Ron was granted a position on the Fresno work crew and was on his way to a better life. Ron successfully completed the Back 2 Work program in 6 months and went on to further employment. During this time he stayed in contact with his former NCCT supervisor and other staff that works with the program. Ron was made aware of a job position at NCCT to become a supervisor at the new Back 2 Work program in Visalia. Two weeks later, he got a call and was the brand new supervisor. Fast forward two years later and Ron's life is completely changed. He is now the proud new owner of a 2016 Honda Civic with an outstanding credit score. He is also newly engaged and they just bought their first home together. About two to three times a year Ron shares his success story to the same parole group he once was a part of. "I speak on experience, strength, hope, and second chances." What's Ron's biggest piece of advice? "Don't let your past dictate your future."

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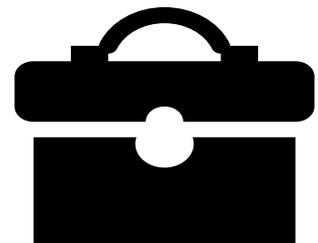
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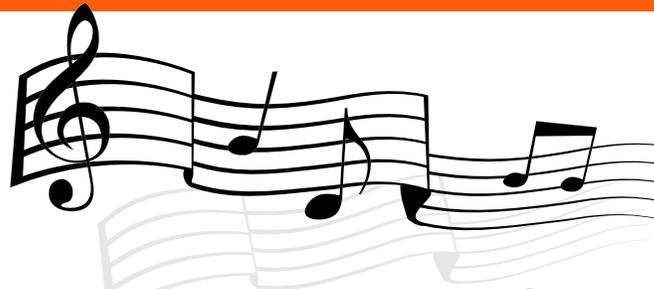
### STORY SPOTLIGHT

Ron Harrill standing proudly in front of his brand new home. Ron boasts, "This isn't just a house, this is my home. And a nice one at that."



### OUR MISSION

Our goal is always this: to set up men and women for a successful future. Back 2 Work does their best to provide career opportunities to participants with significant barriers to employment, furthering their success back into their communities.



# BCOE Annual Staff Recognition Celebration



From left to right: Travis Sanchez, Keith Lane, Rayneedae White, Melanie Silveira, Farm Saelee, Norma Murillo, Derek Morris



Norma Murillo before giving her speech



Our regional coordinators Rayann Cruz and Farm Saelee

The annual BCOE Annual Staff Recognition Celebration was last month in Oroville, Ca. Pictured is some of our Back 2 Work staff at the musical themed event along with two of our past program participants, Melanie Silveira and Norma Murillo. Both participants were able to share their success stories and recieved a standing ovation on their behalf. We are so proud to share the amazing things our organization does to the rest of the BCOE staff.

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