

This year, at the Fifth Annual Building Block Foundation Fund Celebration Event, attendees were given an opportunity to sponsor a deserving at risk youth. Below is a thank you card from a youth for tools and a tool belt.

My name is Jose [REDACTED] and I am a construction student at Taller San Jose. Thank you very much for supporting young people like me. Before I came here, I was homeless with no employment, or no money. Since joining the program I've learned how to frame interiors, exterior walls, and roofing. When I graduate I will continue to work in the construction industry as a General Laborer. Thank you again for your donation. Because of you I now rent a room, have my car up & running, have a bank account, have a strong set of skills like math basic carpentry, first aid certified, active listener, and life skills that I did not have before. Also, I have reconciled with my family. THANK YOU Sincerely,
Jose [REDACTED]

*"I have had hardships in life;
I have embraced my flaws,
learned, grown and
become stronger
than ever."*

*- Gabriela W.,
Taller San Jose Graduate*