



3050 RICHARD ALLEN CT  
DENVER, CO 80201

January 21, 2026

**Re: Request for Rezoning Approval for CrossPurpose Skyland Campus**

To Whom It May Concern,

CrossPurpose respectfully submits this letter in support of our request to rezone our Skyland campus so that we may remain in compliance with the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration and continue serving the individuals and families who rely on our programs.

CrossPurpose exists to abolish economic, relational, and spiritual poverty by providing tuition-free career training alongside individual coaching and counseling. Each year, thousands of adults come to us carrying barriers that include housing instability, justice involvement, trauma, addiction recovery, and generational poverty. What distinguishes our model is not only skill development, but the licensed coaching and counseling that help participants rebuild confidence, stability, and direction.

As one recent graduate shared:

*“Personal Development changed my life. I had never participated in a program that focused so much on YOU... I now have better tools, confidence, and hope.”*

The rezoning request before you does **not** change the services we provide, expand programming, or introduce new uses. It allows a limited “medical office” use by right so that we may maintain required licensure with the Behavioral Health Administration. This licensure is essential for us to continue offering **individual coaching and counseling**, which are core to our model and integrated into every participant’s journey.

Another graduate reflected on that impact:

*“The support system and accountability gave me the strength to keep moving forward. I learned to believe in myself and not give up.”*

If this rezoning is not granted, the consequences would be immediate and significant. Without the ability to maintain compliance, CrossPurpose would be forced to reduce or eliminate key coaching and counseling services. This would directly impact completion rates, workforce outcomes, and long-term stability for the people we serve. These are not hypothetical risks. They are real outcomes for real people.

One participant described what continuity of care made possible:

*“For the first time in my life, I’m not just surviving. I’ve found stability, employment, and a future I can build on.”*

Attached to this request are just some of our 2025 testimonies from recent graduates and Legacy Fellows. Together, they represent hundreds of individuals each year who move from instability to employment, from crisis to contribution. Many explicitly reference the role of coaching, counseling, and personal development in helping them overcome trauma, rebuild relationships, and stay committed through difficult transitions.

We recognize the responsibility entrusted to you as stewards of Denver’s neighborhoods and zoning decisions. This request aligns with the City’s adopted plans and the intent of the Denver Zoning Code. More importantly, it allows a proven, community-embedded nonprofit to continue doing the work it is already doing—responsibly, effectively, and in partnership with the neighborhood.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. We welcome continued dialogue and would be glad to provide additional information or host a tour of our campus to answer questions directly.

Respectfully,

**Bob Scofield**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Scofield', written in a cursive style.

Vice President of Campus Operations  
CrossPurpose

**AmaNullah Abdulhamid**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I attended the six-month personal and professional development program at CrossPurpose Career School. During this time, I grew in both my personal confidence and professional skills. I studied electricity during the program, which gave me a strong technical foundation, and I later decided to pursue a career in HVAC to better align with my interests and long-term goals. I learned the importance of accountability, communication, teamwork, and maintaining a strong work ethic. The program helped me improve my time management and problem-solving skills and strengthened my commitment to continuous learning and professional growth.

I am now working as an HVAC Apprentice at Independent Power Systems.

---

**Joelean Enriquez**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before starting this program, I was in a limited position that I desperately wanted to grow out of. My time during the program helped me reach new opportunities to achieve my goals. To become stable emotionally, financially, and skillfully was the goal that I achieved. My next goal is to gain experiences in my newly acquired skills and use that to support my family and others who are in need of support. Without these elements, I would not have gained the ability to provide and support for my children and family members. Personal development was a major factor to becoming the person I am today and made me realize that I have a purpose and to not take advantage of opportunities. Which is why it's the best way to start.

I am now working as a Dental Assistant at Adventure Dental.

---

**Lamia Boudid**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

As an immigrant, continuing my education in the United States was challenging due to financial limitations and language barriers. Throughout this journey, I found a clear path into healthcare as a Medical Administrative Assistant. With the support and guidance of my coaches, along with the encouragement of my family, my husband, and my friends, I earned my certificate and grew both personally and professionally. Today, I am proud to serve as a Team Lead at Walmart in Digital Online Shopping. This journey has shown me that with determination, hard work, and strong support, it is possible to overcome challenges and build a brighter future.

I am proud to serve as a Team Lead at Walmart in Digital Online Shopping.

---

**Matthew Leiva Franco**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Six months ago, I was working basic jobs. I had just graduated high school in 2023 and still had no clear direction. One day I started looking into trade schools to see if anything sparked my interest. Most were too expensive, until I found CrossPurpose. It was tuition free, career focused, and filled with people from many backgrounds who all came here with purpose. I joined because I wanted to become someone better. One barrier I had was coming in with no networking or workforce connections. I wanted stability, a real career, and the chance to grow. I was pushed out of my comfort zone. I learned to be consistent, take risks, and stay on top of my work. The community helped me build confidence and real friendships. I built strong networks, earned certifications, and started pursuing journeyman opportunities. My goal is to one day own my own business.

I am now working at Jetson Home as an HVAC apprentice.

---

**Natasha Kelly**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

When I began this program, I was excited to pursue something I had always wanted, a certification as an Administrative Assistant. I also wanted to show my son that no matter your age, you can accomplish anything you commit to. During my time here, I gained real career skills and meaningful personal growth. Personal Development pushed me in the best ways and gave me tools I will carry forward. Being part of my small group helped me open up, build confidence, and appreciate my leaders and allies. I look forward to staying connected.

I am grateful for my career coach, Kendall, whose support made a huge difference. For my fellow leaders in Purple Reign and GRIT17, the sky is the limit.

Natasha is now working as a Unit Clerk in the Cardiac Vascular Holding Department at UCHHealth.

---

**Shir Qane**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before CrossPurpose, I had goals but needed direction. I wanted to grow, find a meaningful career, and build a future I could be proud of. Joining this program gave me more than just skills—it gave me clarity, confidence, and community. I was able to complete my externship,

build strong relationships, and learn from classmates who showed me what resilience looks like. We supported each other, shared our wins, and kept pushing forward. The coaching, career services, and personal development helped me stay focused and believe in my path. Now, I'm proud to be applying for dental assistant roles and excited to keep growing in healthcare. I'm grateful to the CrossPurpose team—especially Miss Smith—for believing in me. I'm ready for what's next, and I know I'm not walking alone.

I am now working as a Dental Assistant at Salud Family Health.

---

**Alana Zubia**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Moving to Denver on July 10, 2025, brought immense anxiety, quickly followed by a new chapter starting July 14 at CrossPurpose. This program, and the incredible people I met, were instrumental in helping me navigate that transition. To my fellows: WE MADE IT! There aren't enough words to express my gratitude for this life-changing opportunity. CrossPurpose provided not only the culinary skills but also the support system that transformed my initial uncertainty into genuine excitement for the future. My story isn't stopping here; in fact, I am now more confident and prepared than ever to take the next steps. Thank you for helping me build a foundation for a successful and hopeful future.

Today, I am proudly working at Sunrise Senior Living at Cherry Creek.

---

**Abel Cervantes, Sr.**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I am a dedicated and resilient individual, shaped by my journey through the Denver Rescue Mission's New Life Program and the skills gained through CrossPurpose Leaders Program. I learned the importance of discipline, personal accountability, and spiritual growth. It helped me rebuild my foundation, establish healthy routines, and face challenges with clarity and purpose. Building on that foundation, my electrician apprenticeship certification equipped me with hands-on technical training, problem-solving skills, and confidence in a skilled trade.

Today, I combine personal transformation with professional skill, remaining committed to continuous learning, hard work, and making a positive impact in my community.

I am working as a Package Driver at Englewood Center.

---

**Abriana Travis**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Months ago, I was lost and honestly a little stagnant in life. I didn't know what direction to take or where I truly belonged. But once I began this journey, something shifted. Little by little, I stepped out of my comfort zone and started to see myself grow in ways I never imagined. I watched myself accomplish goals I had been dreaming about for the last three years.

Today, I'm proud to say I've completed this program and earned both my Administrative Assistant certificate and my Registered Behavioral Technician certificate. These achievements are more than pieces of paper — they represent faith, discipline, and the courage to keep going even when things felt uncertain. Above all, I give all glory to God. As Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future."

I am working as a QMAP at Garden Care Senior Living.

---

**Alexander Gacusa**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Last February I was living out of a broken backpack and wandering the snowy streets at night to stay warm. In the four years leading up to that moment I had broken off an engagement with my fiancé, broken my back, struggled with homelessness, addiction, and traumas including losing loved ones to Covid, disease, overdose, murder, and suicide. The only thing that kept me standing was God.

February 25th, on my birthday, I decided to go to rehab. While there I befriended a nurse who told me about CrossPurpose. As a direct result of participating in this program, I have found a place to live, an amazing job, and most importantly, for the first time in over a decade I've found a home. I found a home in Denver, in Providence and CrossPurpose, and a home in the embrace of the people I've met here.

I am working as a Cook at Denver Union Station.

---

**Angelienna Thieman**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I faced many struggles along the way and often questioned whether I would even make it this far. There were moments of doubt, setbacks, and uncertainty that tested my perseverance. Through it all, the grace, patience, and understanding of Coach Sherie made the difference. Her

support reminded me that growth is not about perfection, but about continuing to show up and believe in yourself.

Because of her guidance and encouragement, I am standing here today, stronger, more confident, and proud of how far I have come.

I am working as a Personal Caregiver.

---

### **Aziza Uthman**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I joined this program to gain the skills, support, and confidence needed to create stability and a better future. I was inspired to make a change by my son. I wanted to be a role model for him and show him that perseverance and education can lead to a better future. I also wanted to break cycles of stress and uncertainty.

A part of the program that made a big difference in my life was the support system and accountability. The career readiness and life skills training gave me practical tools I could apply immediately, which increased my confidence and helped me see real progress in my life. My career track is in medical billing and coding, gaining experience and building the skills I need to grow professionally and create long-term career stability. Shout out to my home girl Aisha for pushing when I wanted to give up during this program.

I am working as an Operations Associate at Trail Delivery.

---

### **Brittany Harrison**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

My life had been at a crossroads. I was happy, but I wanted more. Throughout this journey, I received constant support from the Allies, Leaders, and my peers—especially my coach, Sherie, who never stopped believing in me.

Balancing five kids, work, and school wasn't easy, but it was worth it. While I wasn't a fan of all the extra activities at first, they helped me become more open-minded and build meaningful connections, especially through family gatherings. To my kids, thank you for being my motivation, and to my fiancé, thank you for your patience and support.

Because of all the support, I gained confidence and direction. I'm proud to have completed the program, added Medical Administration to my resume, and accepted a Resident Coordinator position with AMH. We did it, Infinity Crew. Thank you!

---

**Christopher Brown**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Graduating from personal development provided me with the self-discipline, resilience, and emotional intelligence necessary to pursue a challenging yet deeply rewarding career path. The skills honed in the program directly translated to my success in completing the necessary certification and securing a position as a Certified Nursing Assistant at University of Colorado Anschutz.

This role allows me to apply the core principles of empathy, effective communication, and commitment to service that I cultivated during my personal development journey, enabling me to offer compassionate care and make a tangible difference in patients' lives every day.

I am working as a CNA at UCHHealth.

---

**Dajah Garcia**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

My life had previously felt like it wasn't going anywhere. I faced a few barriers that made it hard to move forward—the lack of direction, limited opportunities, and the feeling of not knowing which step to take. I knew I wanted more for myself, but I didn't know where to start. I wanted to make a change so I could build a better future for myself. CrossPurpose was my turning point.

Throughout this program, I have made amazing friends and learned the importance of professionalism, accountability, and perseverance, all of which I will carry with me into my career as a dental assistant at 58 Peaks Dental. Most importantly, I have learned to believe in my ability to grow, adapt, and create the future I once thought was out of reach.

---

**Devance Williams**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

That handsome guy you see striding across the stage... that's the man who came to CrossPurpose with the world on his shoulders and demons at his feet. God gave this man the might to don the armor and fight in His name.

I chose the Electrical program not for money, but to show his son the almighty power of God and to lay a great legacy before him. In Jesus' name, to those who are here this evening, may The Most High move your spirit and tame your pain, for all honor and glory is due.

I am working as a Building Engineer at Hines.

---

**Diana Caleron**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I joined CrossPurpose seeking to realign my life toward purpose, stability, and long-term growth. As I graduate as a Certified Nursing Assistant, I reflect with pride on the discipline and resilience that carried me here. Before the program, I struggled with confidence and self-advocacy despite my ability to succeed.

Through CrossPurpose, my mindset shifted, strengthening my confidence and clarity. My family and friends witnessed this growth and offered steady encouragement. Fellow Leaders provided accountability and belonging, while Allies offered mentorship and belief in my potential. Personal Development, Skill Development, and Career Services equipped me with essential tools. Inspired by my mother's strength, I now step into healthcare with confidence, compassion, and purpose.

I am working at Worldlife Flight Services.

---

**Elsa Coronado**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before CrossPurpose, I was a stay-at-home mom for many years who never believed I could start a new career. I lived with fears and self-doubt, while quietly holding onto a dream of working in the medical field. This program changed everything. It helped me with my confidence, strengthened my faith, and helped me see my own potential.

I earned a Medical Administrative certification and found my purpose again. Now I am stepping into a career at Children's Hospital and into a future filled with hope.

---

**Erick Davila**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I am grateful for this program because it has helped me grow personally and professionally. Through CrossPurpose, I gained clarity about my goals, built confidence, and developed skills

that prepare me for a meaningful career. The supportive community and mentors encouraged me to push past challenges and believe in my potential.

This program has given me direction, accountability, and hope for the future, and I am thankful for the opportunities and relationships that continue to shape my growth.

I am working as a Stone Cutter for Elite Rock.

---

### **Ida Peterlin**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

If I were to describe myself, I'll say I'm a sunflower because no matter how dark my past was, I kept turning toward the light. When I came to CrossPurpose, I only wanted to earn my CNA — just the certificate. But what I found was transformation.

This program didn't just teach me skills; it taught me grace. It helped me release grudges I held, showed me empathy through the stories of others, and reminded me that healing is possible. At the start, I set goals. Today, I stand here having achieved most of them — not just as a graduate, but as a woman reborn.

I am Ida, 22 years old, once lost in trauma and pain, who flew thousands of miles from England searching for direction and found it right here. Now, I stand as a CNA, working at FirstLight Homecare, and working to finish my BSN.

---

### **Isabella Aragon**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

This journey was never just about earning a credential; it was about building a future for my son and showing him the power of perseverance. I returned to school with the intention of creating a legacy rooted in growth, resilience, and purpose.

Along the way, the personal development classes impacted me tremendously, helping me strengthen my confidence, emotional intelligence, and self-awareness. They challenged me to reflect, heal, and grow not only as a student, but as an individual and a mother.

Through this experience, I have learned that growth begins within, and I am proud of the person I have become, one who leads by example and continues striving to be better every day for my son.

I am working as an Assistant at Kinos Custom Coating.

---

**Jahnique Stroud**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before CrossPurpose, I felt lost, living day to day. Since graduating from Manual High School and beginning my undergraduate journey at MSU Denver, I hadn't felt a true sense of accomplishment. While at Metro, I explored many subjects but did not secure a degree, which felt like an anchor as I watched my peers graduate and build careers.

I knew I needed to make a change to become the changemaker I aspired to be, and CrossPurpose became that opportunity. After applying multiple times and nearly forfeiting my chance, I committed fully and refused to jeopardize this life-changing opportunity.

On July 14th, the first day of class, I began the CrossPurpose partnership to become a Salesforce Administrator. Today, I am proud to say that another student and I are the first to complete this partnership, accomplishing more than we imagined thanks to everyone and my wonderful coach, Miss Sherie.

I am working at PASCO.

---

**Kelsie Tucker**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before, my life had felt uncertain and I didn't know how to move forward. I wanted stability, confidence, and a real chance to grow, which is what motivated me to join the program.

As I moved through it, I made meaningful changes in my own life by showing up consistently, pushing past my comfort zone, and learning to trust my abilities. The friendships I built made the biggest difference; having people who supported and believed in me helped shift all my relationships and my entire perspective in a positive way.

Moving forward, I want to continue building the same positive perspective I found in myself into others. I'm proud of my commitment to change and the strength I discovered along the way.

I am working as a Service Technician.

---

**LaVonne Dawson**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

What inspired me to join CrossPurpose was my son Kam. He has been my everything since he was born, and as a mom, I want nothing more than to give my son more in life.

I found myself wanting to get closer to God and started praying with our prayer group in the morning and then joined discipleship class to grow my faith with God. I believe God has an exciting path for me in this new career journey.

I am most proud of myself for pushing through the hard times and not giving up, even experiencing the loss of my grandmother while in the program. I know she would've told me to keep going.

My hope for the future is to buy my first home for me and my son and enjoy traveling.

I am working at CU Anschutz.

---

**Lawrence Lewis**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I never finished anything in my life. Never graduated high school or got to walk with a cap and gown. I've always given up in my life and was a disappointment to everyone. But through the Denver Rescue Mission and CrossPurpose I've learned that I'm worth something and I can accomplish anything in life not only for myself but for my kids, to show them that whatever life throws at you or how low in life you think you are, God has a purpose for your life.

Look at me now, I am working at Stone Bridge Assisted Living and Memory Care as a CNA.

---

**LaZarrie Emery**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I had been moving through life in survival mode, wired into the streets, chasing answers that never came. I wanted change, but I didn't yet understand the why behind that hunger.

When I stepped into Personal Development especially, it cracked me open. It forced me to face the pain I kept buried in the patterns, the trauma, the version of myself I outgrew but didn't know how to let go of. There were days I wanted to walk away. But something in me refused. I dug deeper than I ever have, peeling back the layers until I could finally see the woman I was fighting to become.

Choosing the electrician track wasn't just a career choice, it was a declaration. I'm building a life with intention now, wiring my future with purpose, stability, and pride. My transformation didn't come easy, but it came real and it came from within.

Today I am working at Great Creations.

---

**Luis Torressalazar**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

This program has challenged me and brought the best out of me. The supportive community and coaches pushed me to overcome challenges and believe in my potential. I am doing this for my family and to leave a lasting legacy, and I am thankful for the direction, accountability, and hope this program has given me.

I am working at Kinsman Moving Co as Team Lead.

---

**Meikii Bane**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I have grown as a leader by aligning my values, decisions, and actions with purpose and integrity. I now navigate internal conflict and competing priorities with greater awareness. I will continue to develop as a leader who leads with clarity and conviction.

I am working as a CDL driver for Schnider.

---

**Michael Santistevan**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before joining the school, I was unsure about my future. I wanted a professional career helping people but lacked confidence, direction, and a clear path forward. I needed structure, accountability, and professional development to move ahead.

Now, as I prepare to graduate, I feel grounded, capable, and hopeful. I earned my CNA license, gained confidence speaking publicly, and built real workforce skills. While challenges remain, I now know how to overcome them. The leadership and support I received gave me clarity and belief in myself.

I am working at Mile High.

---

**Michelle Lopez**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I had planned to keep to myself and simply complete the program. However, once I understood what CrossPurpose stood for, I felt drawn to the opportunities it offered. I realized I was ready for change and wanted a push to grow into a better version of myself.

What began as a plan to just get through the program turned into a genuine desire to engage, learn, and challenge myself. The community I was surrounded by, my small group and the individuals in my skill track, played a major role in that transformation. Their support and shared experiences made stepping outside of my comfort zone feel less intimidating.

Being able to hear others' stories and learn through such expressive, intentional teaching encouraged me to reflect deeply on my goals and expectations for my future. I'm grateful for the growth, perspective, and motivation this experience has given me.

My skill track was Culinary and am now working at Maggiano's Little Italy.

---

### **Mohamed Moussa**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I was feeling stuck and uncertain about my future. I knew I wanted more, but I didn't have a clear direction or the confidence to move forward. CrossPurpose gave me structure, support, and belief in myself.

Through personal development, career coaching, and skill building, I learned how to set goals, stay accountable, and take ownership of my growth. I became more confident, focused, and disciplined. The encouragement from Leaders, Allies, and my cohort made a meaningful difference and reminded me that I wasn't alone.

CrossPurpose didn't just help me prepare for a career, it helped me grow as a person. I'm moving forward with aim, stability, tools, and a strong foundation for my future and excited for what's next.

Today, I work as an HVAC Technician at McCormick Heating and Cooling.

---

### **Nathan Johnson**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone on this journey. This program has challenged me, supported me, and pushed me to grow in ways I didn't know were possible.

When I first walked through the doors, I carried doubts, distractions, and a few obstacles that felt bigger than me. But week after week, with the encouragement of the staff, coaches, and

my fellow leaders, I began to see that the things standing in my way were not the end of my story.

I learned how to set real, achievable goals, and to believe that I am capable of reaching them. I learned to stay focused, to show up even when it was difficult, and to trust the process. Most of all, I discovered strength in community.

Thank you, everyone, for helping me grow, overcome challenges, and step confidently into my future.

I am working as an HVAC Installer Apprentice at Veterans HOPE Group.

---

**Nicholas Booker**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Today I stand at the edge of a chapter I wrote with late nights, early mornings, and countless small moments that taught me resilience. This diploma is more than a piece of paper — it's proof that curiosity, hard work, and the support of family, friends, and mentors can transform doubt into progress.

I'm grateful for the lessons learned in classrooms and corridors, for the failures that humbled me, and for the victories that reminded me to keep going. As I move forward, I will carry both the knowledge I earned and the courage to use it with purpose.

I don't know what tomorrow will bring, but I step into it ready to learn, to contribute, and to chase the kind of life that makes this milestone meaningful. Here's to new beginnings. With gratitude, I embrace the journey ahead.

I am working as a Patient Care Assistant at Briarwood Health Care Center.

---

**Nilson Leiva**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I decided to pursue Culinary Arts since everyone enjoys food. I'm just your average recent graduate trying to make it out in life. I want to be able to grow as a person and grow in my skills. I know that being able to make food can bring warmth to someone who hasn't enjoyed a home-cooked meal in a while.

To that, I'm proud to say that I'm already working a full-time job and was able to do Culinary Arts, and graduating twice in one year.

I am now working at Whole Foods.

---

**Niya Asberry**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I never knew where I wanted to be in my life. I was indecisive. Life took a turn and it wasn't just about me anymore. In 2024 I found out I was having twin daughters and I then decided, I have to do something great for them.

I searched on how to make a better life for them and for me. I found CrossPurpose. Everyday I was restless and in pain, and no one would notice, but it did not make me quit, it pushed me to succeed. "I can't" is no longer in my vocabulary, you can and you will be my future.

I am working as a Visual Inspector at Leiters Health.

---

**Phil Souza**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Over the past several months, my journey with CrossPurpose has been a testament to resilience and growth. I started with uncertainty, but through relentless dedication and unwavering determination, I transformed obstacles into stepping stones.

As the saying goes, "You can make the future, but it starts with leaving the past." Each challenge was met head-on, and every setback fueled my drive to push forward.

This experience has not only prepared me for a successful career in HVAC but has also forged me into a resilient, adaptable, and relentless individual. As I move forward, I carry with me the lessons learned, the connections made, and the unbreakable belief that the future is not just bright—it's unstoppable.

I am working as a Technician at Trane Technologies.

---

**Purnice Frazier**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before coming to CrossPurpose, I had no sense of purpose. After leaving prison, I felt lost and unsure of my future. I applied for job after job with no success, and the constant rejection took a toll on me mentally and emotionally.

Everything changed when my peer coach believed in me and introduced me to CrossPurpose. At first, I was drawn in by the opportunity to go to school and get paid, but once I became involved, I realized this program was about much more.

The personal development challenged me in ways I didn't expect, forcing me to face my past and understand my "why." Through that process, I gained confidence, maturity, and self-worth. I learned that I matter and deserve a future. CrossPurpose is more than a program—it's a movement, and I am grateful to be part of it.

I am working as an Administrative Assistant at Great Creations.

---

### **Ricky Davis**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I wanted to see a better job and better pay since the military. I pushed to grow, wanting to encourage others to be better.

Things in my life since the military were structured around finding a job and people with positive structures in their life to help each of us grow to the next level.

I am working as a Medical Administrator at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

---

### **Serah Gachie**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Even the best of journeys need revamping. After working for the U.S. Mission overseas for many years, I reached a point where I needed change. I wanted more, I wanted success, I wanted freedom.

I left familiar ground and found myself in the U.S. God's guidance led me to CrossPurpose. Inspired by a growth mindset and hunger for better, I embarked on my skill track as a Medical Administrative Assistant.

Was it good? Yes. Was it hard? VERY! I learned to do hard things—this is what refines us to be the best.

In the beauty of diversity, I met great people, leaders, coaches, and staff, and I built lasting friendships. I am not done here; I will definitely continue in the follow-up programs.

I am working as a Case Manager at RMHS. My heart to serve vulnerable communities has found a home. Lord help me to serve with godly diligence.

---

**Shamika Kelly**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I came to CrossPurpose believing this program would change my life. I lost my job and was excited for the opportunity to grow. This was going to help me do better for me and my kids.

I have faced many challenges in my life and Personal Development made me see what were some root causes, but not to dwell there. Instead, it motivated me to understand I AM ENOUGH. While Discipleship helped me grow closer to my God, I started daily prayer and have grown in my way of thinking and spirituality.

I have made lifelong connections with some of the most amazing people. I look forward to each day with enthusiasm knowing I'm an educated woman with leadership abilities and know that I will accomplish whatever I set out to do as I DON'T GIVE UP AND WON'T QUIT. My momma built me FORD TOUGH. KNOW WE READY for whatever's next.

I am working as a Medical Administrator at Colorado Blood Cancer Institute.

---

**Shanese Wanzer**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before I came to CrossPurpose, my life felt scattered. I didn't have clear goals or a real sense of direction. I joined because I wanted more for myself. I wanted to begin building generational wealth for my family, to complete something without giving up, and to stand on my own.

My wife saw the changes in me, supported me, and encouraged me through the hardest moments. Along the way, I built meaningful relationships with leaders and allies. I chose CDL as my career track. This career will allow me to reach my goals.

I'm excited about the future—the growth ahead, the stability I'm achieving, and the places I'll travel as I continue in this field. I connected with people along the way, and I truly wish every one of them success. I will carry the entire Infinity crew in my heart.

I am working as a CDL Driver at Transdev.

---

**Shannan Jense**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before entering this program, one of my biggest barriers was self-doubt. I wanted stability—especially financial stability for my family—but I wasn't sure I was capable of reaching it.

My motivation to change came from my family and the incredible support here at CrossPurpose. I want to thank my nina, my son, my daughter-in-law, and my grand-babies for constantly reminding me that I could rise above my challenges.

Throughout this program, I gained confidence, discipline, and a clearer sense of direction. My family noticed I had become more focused, resilient, and committed to my goals. The relationships I built with other Leaders and Allies also made a powerful impact. Their encouragement and accountability pushed me forward.

Today, I am on my nursing career path, working toward becoming a Registered Nurse. This journey gives me purpose, stability, and hope.

I am working as a Caregiver at FirstLight Homecare.

---

### **Sukky Lopez**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

This journey has changed me. I've learned to be patient with myself, to trust in my ability to overcome, and to keep moving even when the path feels heavy.

I'm grateful to my coaches for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to prove myself. This program became the support I needed—the place that pushed me, challenged me, and helped me grow into a better version of myself.

I am working as a CDL Driver for Relion Trucking.

---

### **Taylor Smith**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Most of the jobs I had in the past were fast food. I wanted to gain some sort of skill that could ensure I could stay away from that path.

I have always been interested in technology, and I.T. is something that encourages constant learning and growth. My fellow leaders are inspirations and very encouraging. Without their support, I would have struggled with completing the program. Our Allies are angels on earth and were the backbone of our small groups.

My career track allows me to help people but still play with electronics and have fun doing it. Hopefully that continues for a long time. I appreciate all of my class and want everyone to know I love my family I gained through CrossPurpose.

I am working at Cultivate Commercial Hydroponic Supply.

---

**Tsigie Desta**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

As I graduate today, I carry with me not just knowledge and abilities, but a deeper understanding of myself and what I can achieve.

I am grateful to my family for their strong support and to my coach and CrossPurpose for providing me with these valuable opportunities. I am excited for the future and committed to using what I've learned to make a meaningful impact.

I am working for United Ground Express.

---

**Victoria Almendarez**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before joining CrossPurpose, I faced challenges that limited my confidence and left me uncertain about my future. I wanted personal growth and a stable career but lacked direction on how to get there.

Through this program, I gained motivation, support, and the confidence to know I was finally on the right path. I am incredibly grateful to CrossPurpose for providing opportunities that shaped my path, and to my family for their constant support—especially all the rides that helped me get here.

I am now a full-time CNA and excited to continue building a career in healthcare. This experience has prepared me for long-term growth and resilience. I look forward to what lies ahead and continuing my journey with confidence and determination. This is just the beginning of a new chapter.

I am working at Lutheran Hospital.

---

**Whitney Miller**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before CrossPurpose, I had just started walking into what God had for me. My journey began in February 2025 when I joined Odom Memorial. A few months later, I saw the Launch Program

on Facebook and signed up, not realizing God was using my coach to guide me into the Leader Program and even tell me about the Legacy Program.

I was already a student at MSU Denver majoring in Dance with a minor in Africana Studies, but I knew I couldn't miss this opportunity.

Starting the Leader Program in July 2025, the six weeks of Personal Development helped me grow, regain my spark, and walk in boldness with Psalms 139:13–14 in my heart. Coach Sherie encouraged me during tough moments with James 1:19.

I completed the Administrative Assistant skill track and loved ministering in dance at the talent show. My encouragement is this: stay focused, protect your attitude, and remember the words of Supervisor Bertha Washington—"Insinuate the positive, eliminate the negative."

I am working as a Client Representative at 5 Ace Solutions.

---

**Jhonda Monee Ivory IV**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I first discovered my passion for caregiving when a family member needed care in a nursing home. Witnessing their journey opened my eyes to the value of providing dignity and compassion. That moment sparked a calling in me to dedicate my life to serving others.

My journey to becoming a CNA has taught me that caregiving requires patience, hard work, and a big heart. But every challenge is worth it, as there is no greater fulfillment than knowing you've made a difference.

This path has strengthened my professional skills and shaped my personal and spiritual growth. I am profoundly grateful to CrossPurpose for their encouragement and guidance, which helped me step confidently into a career that brings me meaning, purpose, and joy.

To my classmates: be prepared for hard work and challenges. But also be prepared for the greatest reward of all—the joy that comes from touching a life with kindness, dignity, and compassion. Let us go forward and shine that light wherever we serve.

Today, I am a Certified Nursing Assistant at a Private Home Health Care Provider.

---

**Aaron Reed**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before joining this program, my life was messy. I was bouncing between careers I didn't care for and felt desperate to find something I enjoyed that could also provide a living. I was "white-

knuckling” through life, and it wasn’t helping anyone. I had no idea how many powerful changes were about to happen.

My friend Ray had told me about the program, which helped him re-enter the workforce and assisted him in finding a career path. He inspired me, but I wasn’t sure I had the time. Being unemployed for six more months seemed impossible for my family. But God’s plan superseded mine.

I signed up for everything I could, and that’s where the real magic happened. My relationship with my family improved drastically after counseling with Danielle. With Pattie, I learned invaluable truths about God and myself. I also loved my time in discipleship with Pastor Ray. My coach Kendall, my allies Chanel and Yuki, and my small group were all so encouraging and made me a better person.

After just a month, my family’s finances have improved so much. I feel like a kid with my whole life ahead of me—the complete opposite of how I used to feel.

I have received my CDL licenses. I am now a mixer driver for Brannan Sand and Gravel.

---

### **Amgalanbaatar Tumennasan**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before joining this program, I felt lost and without direction. I struggled with motivation, mental health, and barriers I had placed on myself. Through it all, my wife—my backbone—was my greatest support.

During the program, I opened my mindset and discovered the power of kindness, connection, and support. From the simple moments with other Leaders to deeper conversations, I became stronger, clearer in my goals, and more confident in my future.

After my mother passed away, my wife and I worked hard to support our younger sister, and now she will also be graduating this December. The journey has been challenging, but it showed me the importance of resilience and family.

I believe in finishing what I start, and I know this journey is only the beginning. With perseverance, kindness, and determination, I will never stop thriving. My new career has given my family stability and the freedom to dream about the future.

Today, I am working at Big Ladder as an Administrative Assistant.

---

**Amy Diaz**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before I decided to make a change in my life, I had barriers holding me back—not being stable or having a steady income. When I did work, I was living paycheck to paycheck. I wanted a better job, one I actually liked, while being able to keep up financially. I inspired myself to make a change. I was tired of the way I was living and didn't want to waste any more time.

A change I made during the program was taking it day by day and not reacting to everything. Looking in my rearview mirror and seeing how far I'd come gave me the choice to move forward. My relationships with Leaders, Allies, and Coaches helped me get out of my comfort zone, use my voice, and improve my confidence. Family Gatherings especially helped me during shout-outs.

I finally got the career I wanted—CDL. I'm proud I didn't quit, and I look forward to growing, gaining experience, and eventually building my own trucking company while helping those around me.

I am now working as a delivery driver at Molson Coors.

---

**April Pou**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before CrossPurpose, I was in a place where I knew I wanted more, but I didn't have a clear path to get there. I had big dreams like publishing more books, building my own business, and starting a career in medical administration, but life kept throwing distractions and setbacks in my way.

My kids were my biggest motivation. I wanted them to see me not just making it through, but really building a life we could all be proud of.

CrossPurpose gave me the structure, tools, and accountability I needed to make real progress. Personal Development and Career Services helped me see what was possible, and the relationships I built with other Leaders and Allies kept me pushing forward on days when I felt overwhelmed.

I learned I did not have to choose between being creative, running a business, and having a professional career. I could do all three.

Now I am stepping into a career path in medical administration while continuing to grow my writing and business. I am proud that I stayed committed even when things got hard. The

confidence, discipline, and community I have gained here will carry me into the next chapter of my life—one where I am thriving, not just surviving.

I am now working as a Health Guide at Rightway Healthcare.

---

### **Cassandra Gonzales**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before beginning this journey, I worked countless jobs just to make sure my kids had everything they needed. What truly drove me was the dream of making my kids proud of me for once, and without the love and dedication of my husband in the audience, I wouldn't be here today. He encouraged me to take classes and further my education.

While at CrossPurpose, I faced my fears and discovered my own strength. I grew in confidence, earned my certificates, and was uplifted by the amazing people I met along the way. Now, I am building a career that I truly love, surrounded by people who inspire me to keep going. The more I learn, the more I want to learn. I'm not stopping here. Next, I'm going for my bachelor's degree in accounting.

I am now working as an Administrative Assistant at Colorado Premier Garage Doors & Gate Systems LLC.

---

### **Cedric Ennis**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I had been job-hopping and trying to find my way before I found this program. I had a few other things in motion that I wanted to do, but things had not been going my way. I felt that I needed stability and needed to make changes and gain a lucrative skill in order to grow and do better in life.

I discovered CrossPurpose while researching opportunities, gave it a shot, and applied. I had always seen myself further ahead in life, and while going through everything that was offered, I realized this was exactly where I was supposed to be.

Everyone was amazing, and my coach, Kendall, was incredible. I gained new friends and witnessed people in my class level up and become the best they can be.

Today, I'm working as a CDL Driver for Coors.

---

**Chandler Givens**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before deciding to change, my life was a repeating cycle. I was content with doing the same thing every day and wasn't interested in things that once made me an open person. My mom and partner inspired me to make a change, and I'm so thankful for them.

The personal development part of the program made a huge difference. It made me realize who I really am and who I want to become. It meant a lot that strangers who did not know me wanted better for me than I wanted for myself. I began to see the potential I had in overcoming obstacles.

I finally have a career, so my life can take off and I can be my best self. I'm proud of myself for changing and for wanting to do better. I am no longer content with how things were. My hope is to start making the money I deserve, continue to break generational curses, and pursue my dreams.

I am now working as a Production Technician at Cargill.

---

**Chloe Goodings**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I began my journey here determined to create a better future for myself and those around me. Before joining, I faced barriers that made it hard to thrive, but my desire for change and inspiration from others pushed me forward.

I trained as a Certified Nursing Assistant and gained new skills, confidence, and relationships that will carry me into my career. I am passionate about serving others, especially youth and people experiencing homelessness, and I am proud of the perseverance that brought me here.

My career in healthcare will not only change my life but will also allow me to make a lasting difference in my community.

I am now working as a CNA at Uptown Health Care Center.

---

**Christina Ortega Nene**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

After leaving the restaurant industry, I wanted a career with benefits and the opportunity to grow. I applied for countless jobs but never heard back, realizing I lacked experience outside of

restaurants. That's when I found CrossPurpose and decided to give myself a shot at something new.

Personal development was a surprise; I learned to give myself credit and not downplay my capabilities. It was a great experience to grow alongside other leaders and realize I wasn't alone in wanting to improve. Having allies and coaches who cared was a blessing.

I've learned that investing time in myself is crucial and that a small positive change can alter everything for the better. Skill development was challenging, but with help, I earned my bookkeeping and QuickBooks certifications.

I am now a Personal Banker at FirstBank.

---

### **Cristina Martinez**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I was tired of corporate America and being locked up in an office for 8 hours, 5 days a week. I decided I needed a change, a challenge, and wanted to pursue my passion. I was in business administration for 20 years and realized that it had gotten me nowhere fulfilling or meaningful.

I did not want to end up in a robot-like routine. I decided to go into something that would create an impact in people's lives: becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant.

I've always been an advocate and a voice for the weak, and I want to help the elderly live their last years with fun and dignity. I find meaning and joy in helping others—this is my passion.

I am now working as a Caregiver for Talem Home Care.

---

### **Edward Baladez**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

My story is really a story of God's grace and how He has always walked with me. Before the program, my life felt empty, directionless, and sometimes hopeless. I was just surviving, not living, and I doubted I had a purpose.

With the persistent encouragement of my church, I pushed through and earned my GED—the first step I desperately needed. Soon after, I was told about CrossPurpose, and I knew God was calling me into something new.

During my time here, God used CrossPurpose to transform me. I was surrounded by people who saw me as He does—full of potential, capable of growth, and worthy of love. Leaders, Allies, and staff became family, building me up through training, community, and faith.

If you ever feel unworthy of God’s grace, I encourage you to read Romans 7:18–25. Now I feel I’m walking in God’s direction. It’s more than a job—it’s a calling. I give all glory to Him.

I am now an electrical apprentice for Zenith Electric.

---

**Esmeralda Cabello**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before I decided to join CrossPurpose, my life felt very challenging. I had lost my job due to an injury, was unable to walk, and often felt depressed and hopeless. Barriers like my physical limitations, uncertainty about the future, and struggling to regain independence were holding me back. My desire to heal and rebuild my life inspired me to take a chance on this program, even though I didn’t know what to expect. I wanted to overcome my physical challenges, regain my independence, and find hope for the future.

During the program, I began to rebuild my confidence and sense of purpose. Through the program, coaching, and career services, I discovered my strengths, learned new skills, and gained motivation. My family and friends noticed the changes, encouraging me as I grew more hopeful, disciplined, and determined. I started believing in myself again and focusing on what I could achieve.

After completing this program, I feel empowered and ready to embrace the future. I am most proud of my resilience—how I overcame my injury, surgery, and the challenges that came with it. Every day I feel motivated and fulfilled by the work I do, knowing I can provide safe and reliable transportation for others.

Moving forward, I see my life filled with opportunities to grow, contribute, and achieve my dreams. This accomplishment is a reminder that with determination and support, I can overcome challenges and create the future I want.

Now I work at Ramblin’ Express as a motor coach operator.

---

**Francisco Muniz**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

My family has always been my biggest supporters. As the oldest of three, I want to set an example for my younger siblings by building a strong future they can look up to. I do this for

them, because they've worked so hard for me, and I want to repay them by becoming the best version of myself.

I also want to thank CrossPurpose for the opportunity to learn and grow; it has truly changed my life. I am proud and excited for the future I am building for myself.

I am now working as a CDL driver for Moreno Trucking.

---

### **Frehiwot Moshe**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

First of all, I thank the Creator. To my husband, who supported my family in everything, thank you very much. To my wonderful children, who have made my dreams come true, I started my dream today, and I will continue in the future.

Thank you to everyone who has been by my side and encouraged me. Thank you, CrossPurpose, for giving me the opportunity to learn. I also appreciated the family gatherings. I truly value the fun and your willingness to help others. I have seen that when someone has a good idea, there is always support to make it possible.

I am especially grateful to the coaches who helped me become stronger and arrive at this moment. When I came in each day, their smiles made me forget my own fatigue. I have learned so many unforgettable lessons here, and I know I am leaving behind a lot of meaningful memories.

Above all, I am grateful that you are my family. I look forward to coming back one day and sharing my work experiences with you.

“We will overcome whatever happens today because we are children of GOD.”

I am now working as a Care Partner and Integrated Activities Counselor.

---

### **Gabriela Rodriguez Saucedo**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

When I started this journey, I had no idea where my life was heading. I was confused, scared, and uncertain about the future. I thought this program would be just another step leading nowhere, but it turned out to be the one that changed everything.

Day by day, as I showed up, I began to discover more about myself—things I thought I already knew but had never truly understood. I was pushed out of my comfort zone, challenged to grow, and encouraged to believe in my own potential.

Along the way, I met incredible people who showed me what real love and support look like. They saw me not for my past or my mistakes, but for who I could become. Through this journey, I found not just a career, but a purpose. The future, which once felt out of reach, now feels limitless.

I am now a Certified Dental Assistant for Pacific Dental Services.

---

### **Ghenet Weldegerghis**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

My name is Ghenet, and I am originally from Eritrea, where I was born and raised. In 2018, I moved to Uganda with my family, and in 2022, we relocated to the United States after my husband won the Diversity Visa lottery. I am a mother of three and previously worked at ARC Thrift.

I decided to join this program to pursue a more meaningful career and build a better future for my family. I was inspired to become a CNA after caring for my father during a long hospital stay. The encouragement I received from doctors and nurses during that time motivated me to follow a path in healthcare and serve others with compassion.

I am now working as a Caregiver at Dencare Home Health.

---

### **Idaly Fierro**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before I made a change, my life felt stuck in a cycle. I was exhausted and overwhelmed. What pushed me was seeing my mom and grandma in the hospital. They are my motivation. I want to make them proud and show them their sacrifices weren't in vain.

I wanted stability, purpose, and to thrive—not just survive. Their strength gave me the courage to take the first step with CrossPurpose.

The biggest change I made was believing in myself again and letting go of the doubt that kept me stuck. Personal Development helped me see my worth, and coaching gave me the tools to move forward. My family noticed the difference, seeing me become more motivated and hopeful. The other Leaders and my Allies reminded me I wasn't alone.

Moving forward, I feel confident and have a clear direction. As the daughter of Mexican parents, I want to honor their sacrifices by building the future they dreamed of for me. I'm proud I didn't give up.

I am now a CNA and a Residential Counselor at the Smith Agency.

---

**Jeremy Kuxhausen**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Over the years, I have grown into someone who shows up, stays true to myself, and keeps moving forward no matter what life throws my way. Walking across this stage today is more than a graduation—it is a celebration of persistence, growth, and the strength it took to get here.

I am now working at C.R. England as a CDL driver and look forward to the opportunities ahead.

---

**Jesabel Garcilazo Coria**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before, my life was filled with self-doubt and uncertainty about which direction to take. I felt a strong desire to grow—both personally and professionally—so that I could better serve the people I was already caring for in my life.

One of the most significant changes I made through the program was choosing to fully commit, even when faced with challenges. The journey was especially meaningful being surrounded by others who were also striving to grow, lead, and make lasting, positive changes in their lives. We supported and encouraged one another, and that sense of community helped carry us all to the finish line.

Becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant is more than just a certification for me; it marks the beginning of a purposeful and rewarding path. I'm excited to continue expanding my skills and knowledge, and I believe this is a calling that God has placed on my life. I trust that God will continue to guide me as I grow in this profession and serve others with compassion and care.

I am now working at MorningStar Senior Living as a Care Manager.

---

**Jimmy Rodriguez**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Shout out to my amazing wife, my mom, my family, and CrossPurpose. This past year has truly been a journey. I thank God for the growth, the lessons, and for guiding my path every step of the way. I'm grateful for where I've been and excited for where I'm going.

I am now working as a RSR at Blue Bell.

---

### **Keyoshia Yates**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I want to say that the program gave me a second chance at a better career. Moving from security work to earning my CDL has been a great change for me. I'm glad I get to show my son that there are more opportunities in this world to better yourself for a great cause.

I'm grateful to see where my CDL career will take me and my son on this journey. Thank you, CrossPurpose.

I am now working as a CDL driver at Transdev.

---

### **Laura Perez**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

My encounter with CrossPurpose started before I even completed the program. The first time I engaged was in 2021. I was a year out of prison after five years away—unhoused, unemployed, pregnant, and on my last year of TANF. I didn't know how I would support my family.

For three years, I worked in spaces where I wasn't valued while volunteering with LDR at CrossPurpose. Finally, in 2024, I left the job I once loved to attend the Leadership Program. My peers at LDR inspired me to take the chance and trust the process.

During this time, I started dressing better, caring for my health, and taking pride in my appearance. I was no longer isolated or hiding in my room. My kids and my auntie noticed the changes, and I connected with classmates, forming lasting relationships.

I learned to put myself first, thanks to my coach, Mr. Kendall, who reminded me to stop saying yes to everything and start saying no when needed.

My career track was Administrative Assistant. I am a full-time MSU student pursuing a Bachelor's in Human Services and will soon earn my Community Health Worker credential. My life proves that my past does not define my future, and I'm proud of staying clean, sober, and moving forward.

I am now working as a Peer Support Specialist at Denver Health.

---

**Leara Blanchard**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

My life was a never-ending cycle of depression, anxiety, and decisions that led nowhere. At first, I joined the program because it was something to do. One barrier I faced was being in a DV relationship that controlled most of my life. I also had unbearable depression with no drive and had accepted that life would only get worse.

The biggest change was getting out of that toxic relationship. I saw a new confidence awaken in me. People often told me they could see the change—the confidence and growth. Other leaders in the program became my support system, my shoulder to cry on, and my happy place.

Personal Development changed my life. I had never participated in a program that focused so much on YOU. My fellow leaders and my coach see me, affirm me, and encourage me, even on hard days, with constant “you got this.”

Moving forward, I know life will bring challenges, but I now have better tools. I am proud of reaching this point. My hope is for success, happier times, and opportunities for growth.

I am now working as a Patient Service Representative at Intermountain Health.

---

**Manoucheka Floriantjean**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before, I had been feeling stuck and unsure of my future. I joined seeking support and a better life for my family. I struggled with confidence and felt stuck after failing my state board exam. My family inspired me to overcome fear and self-doubt.

During the program, I learned to believe in myself and not give up. The community support and accountability gave me the strength to keep moving forward. My family and friends noticed my positive change as I became more confident and motivated.

Now, I feel confident and focused, ready to face new challenges. I am proud of my growth and perseverance and hope to build a stable career and make a positive impact. This work feels rewarding and meaningful.

I am now working as a Residential Counselor at Smith Agency, Inc.

---

**Mario Garcia**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

I started this program to become someone my kids and family can be proud of. I wanted to make a difference in my life so that I can live comfortably and be able to afford to buy a home in Colorado for my kids and myself. I also wanted to show my kids that school is very important in life. I want to be seen as an example.

I had been wanting to do something different for a long time, and I'm very happy I'm finally able to do it. Everything you really want takes time and effort. I didn't graduate from high school, but I did get my GED, and I missed out on walking on stage for graduation, which is something I regret in life.

Graduating and walking the stage so my family and friends can see me is something I have been looking forward to for a long time, and I'm very grateful for this opportunity.

I am now working as a Template Measurer with Xcaret Stone Crafters.

---

**Maryam Osman**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before I decided to make a change, my life felt uncertain and limited. I knew I wanted to grow, build new skills, and create a better future for my family and me. That's what led me to join CrossPurpose—I saw it as a place where I could take real steps toward that change.

Throughout the program, I began to believe in myself and commit fully to my goals. The support and encouragement from staff and the training helped me gain confidence and skills I didn't think I had. I met generous, supportive people and made new friends. At first, it was different, but all went well.

Moving forward, I believe my life will be different because I've grown stronger and more confident. I'm proud of my determination and compassion, and my hope is to build a future filled with growth, purpose, and happiness.

I am now working as a Dental Assistant at 58 Peaks Dental.

---

**Miles Casteel**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Completing this milestone represents more than just finishing a task—it symbolizes a turning point in my life. After facing challenges that once held me back, I made the choice to push forward and commit to something that will positively shape my future.

In doing so, I've rediscovered the value of discipline, perseverance, and learning. This accomplishment is proof to myself that I am capable of growth, no matter the obstacles I've had to overcome.

Through this journey, I have also learned how to learn again. It required humility, patience, and consistency to re-engage with new information and skills, but the process has reignited my drive for personal and professional development.

Equally important, I have begun building a new network and stepping onto a different career path. These connections, combined with my determination to rise above past difficulties, have opened doors I never thought possible.

By choosing resilience over defeat, I am creating a foundation for lasting success and a future defined by growth and possibility. I am excited for what comes next.

I am now working at Local Moving.

---

**Mohammed Khellaf**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

My life has been very exciting. I have faced many challenges, held several jobs, lived in different societies, and been exposed to many cultures and experiences. The first was working as a lawyer in my home country, Algeria, and today marks my graduation from CrossPurpose. This last stage has directly impacted me.

Everything was excellent—it was a purposeful experience, especially the Personal Development and ID sessions, as well as the relationships I have built with fellow Leaders, coaches, and the CrossPurpose staff.

Today I feel joy and pride in my graduation, and I dedicate this achievement to everyone who supported me and believed in my abilities. Today I opened a new page in the book of my life, writing its first lines with success. I celebrate this accomplishment and pledge to myself to continue working toward achieving more.

Thank you to CrossPurpose and GRIT 17—I will never forget you.

---

**Nicole Sanchez**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before this journey, I had no vision for my future and didn't know what to do with my life. I knew I needed to make a change, and this program helped me find a purpose. The main barrier that kept me from thriving was myself.

I wanted to find consistency, stability, and get out of poverty for my children, who inspired me to make a real change. During the program, I struggled with my health and balancing everything as a single parent.

The part of the program that had the biggest impact was Personal Development. It was an honor to meet new people who now encourage me when life gets hard. Keeping in touch with everyone is truly helpful and rewarding.

Now that the program is over, I am not stopping here. I want to keep moving up in my career. My hope is to own a home and provide financial security for my children. As a CNA, it feels good to help people in their time of need and be someone they can count on. I eventually want to go to school to become a nurse.

I am now working as a Resident Care Assistant at Anthem Memory Care.

---

**Noah Fortenberry**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Before coming to CrossPurpose—before finding this new family—I didn't really know where my life or career would take me. From growing up playing sports to stepping into manhood, I faced many challenges but never lost sight of becoming better.

My grandmother, Jeri Bass—my everything—and my two sisters raised and molded me into who I am. After high school, I didn't pursue college or a trade and often wondered what was next. I worked jobs in the commercial and labor industry, found a love for truck driving, and enrolled in CrossPurpose to earn my Class-A CDL.

Personal Development taught me so much about myself and my classmates. At first, I didn't open up, but my peers soon became family. I learned resumes, leadership, and team-building, and Family Gatherings quickly became a highlight.

Career hunting was stressful, but with hard work I earned my CDL and landed a full-time job. I'm forever grateful for this life-changing experience and for everyone who helped me grow.

I am now working as a CDL Driver for Reddy Ice.

---

**Qattara Gardner**

2025 CrossPurpose Denver Graduate

Graduation is more than an accomplishment; for me, it reflects GRIT. I honestly don't know how I made it through these six months—the setbacks, disappointments, sleepless nights, and challenges. Throughout the process, I couldn't see the end. I believed that if I allowed myself to imagine the outcome, I might be derailed.

I am deeply grateful I found this program. It has been a life-transforming experience. We all carry our stories and battles, but the support from fellow Leaders, coaches, therapy, and staff kept me moving forward when I felt like giving up.

I will be forever indebted to this program because it helped me discover so much about myself. What was once fear and doubt is now my strength and drive. I have learned that my determination is my reason for being—my “why,” my “me.”

I look forward to continuing this journey, showing my children that no matter what life throws at us, as long as we have breath, there is hope to become the best version of ourselves.

I am now working as a Caregiver at Assisting Hands Home Care.

---

**Alyssia Rodriguez**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

My journey began with a series of hardships and generational dysfunction. Growing up we lived with family, in affordable housing, and shelters. As a teenage girl, I found myself in the crossroads of serving God and pursuing a better education or being in the streets, living with friends and family.

At 17 my husband came into the picture and truly became my safe space and best friend. We started our family, and have built a beautiful life together. He's shown me what it means to be stable, assertive, supportive, and loving. Throughout the years, we've drawn closer to God, we recently bought a home, and paid off debt. This upcoming April we'll be celebrating 10 years of marriage.

My next steps are continue to raise our kids in the ways of God, purchase a rental house and create passive income, earn my CPA, and serve God by giving back with my time, resources and generosity.

---

## **Santia Dure**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

When I came to the US a few years ago, fleeing gang violence and uncertainty in my home country, I was on survival mode. I joined the leadership program at CrossPurpose, 6 months later I graduated as a medical assistant and got hire immediately. I am still working at the same place since March 2023.

Then, I realize that I need more than a job, I can do more, I can achieve more. I had the potential to make a significant change in my life. I just needed to be in the right community, and have access to the right information.

I received the invitation to join the LEGACY program. This is all that I needed at the moment. I applied and got accepted while I was experiencing a high-risk pregnancy. I started the program 2 weeks after delivering my little Josh. I didn't want to wait for the next cohort.

I joined Legacy because I was looking for radical changes in my finances and create a better future for my children. Not only that, I found a welcoming and supporting community. During my journey, I have been able to save more than \$7000 on my 401k, pay over \$2500 for car repair with my emergency fund, make a plan to pay off my credit card debt thanks to the financial coaching with Prosper Bridge. What a RELIEF!!!! I can sleep better at night.

Furthermore, I am building generational wealth through saving and investing. I am planning to buy my first house in the next two years and leave that legacy to my family. By using the skills of budgeting, saving and investing that I've learned from Legacy and practicing good financial habits, I am well-equipped to face the future with confidence, make better choice, realize my dreams and create a lasting legacy for my family.

---

## **Brittany Westbrook**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

I joined Legacy because I wanted to break the cycle of poverty. I wanted to be the change within my family.

During my journey I managed to pay of over \$2,000 worth of debt. I am content because during that process I was also able to raise my credit score as well as planning to build generational wealth through investing and savings.

The skills I have learned that impacted me the most during the 13 week financial planning Phase 1 were the importance of investing in a 401k account and having an emergency savings. Now that I know how important these two things are, it's becoming easier to save money.

In the next few years I plan to be a home owner by the time I am 30. With the knowledge and support I gained from Legacy I am confident that I will be a millionaire one day.

---

### **Areli Barranco**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

I joined Legacy because I want to succeed in life, learn new habits, and break my traumatic cycle. And I plan to build generational wealth through homeownership. The skills of budgeting, understanding work benefits, and managing my credit will help me break my traumatic cycle so I can be able to succeed in life for my daughter and family all with the help of almighty God.

I plan to reach my goal by 02/11/2026, and the benefits of having a solid savings account, support by my family and the knowledge Legacy has provided will help me do that. I thank CrossPurpose for everything, I believe God has a purpose for everyone, and I am so thankful.

Legacy is my purpose to show others your story matters, and God loves you. With the knowledge and community I've gained from Legacy, I'm confident that I can achieve my goals and create a lasting legacy for my family.

---

### **Charla Gee**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

I would like to thank CrossPurpose and the very generous donors that have made my professional transformation possible. I started Peer Recovery Coach classes as a Leader at CrossPurpose in 2022.

Since then I have worked as a peer coach, case manager and group leader at New Beginnings Recovery Center, a treatment facility in Littleton. The mental health and addiction fields speak to my upbringing and I sell hope daily. My workplace, NBRC, a non-profit Christian based organization, provides vital support to people experiencing homelessness, trauma survivors, and individuals involved with the criminal justice system.

I am about to test with DORA and the state of Colorado for my Addictions Counseling Certification. I will begin graduate school at Colorado State University for a Master's in Social Work this coming Spring. I will be a therapist in a few short years.

With the help of CrossPurpose Legacy Fellowship I have learned budgeting and I am saving for my retirement. I have over 10k saved in a Roth IRA. I have purchased a used F150 that is new to me. I am saving for a down payment on a home. I cannot thank CrossPurpose enough for giving me hope and helping me create a new chapter in life. Thank you.

---

### **Erika Estrada-Diamond**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

I was a homeowner. I wanted to set my children up for generational wealth and to pass along the knowledge I gained to them.

I plan to build generational wealth through education. I am currently studying for my undergrad in social work and plan to continue that path towards an LCSW and masters in political science.

The skills that impacted me the most were budgeting, building an emergency fund, and understanding credit. Budgeting has allowed my family to experience new things without worrying about not having enough money for necessities.

Understanding the importance of an emergency fund impacted my husband because there may come a day when we desperately need it. By truly understanding credit, I have been able to pay off debt quicker than if I had not joined Legacy.

Because of Legacy, I feel confident that I can create a lasting legacy for my family and continue to share the knowledge with others so that they, too, can build generational wealth. Thank you to my Legacy family for always supporting me and being so generous with your time and resources.

---

### **Angel Soto**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

When I first joined CrossPurpose, I had never even heard the phrase “generational wealth.” To be honest, that idea felt completely out of reach for someone like me.

I didn't come from money. I came from poverty. I was unhoused as a teenager. I struggled with addiction. I didn't have parents to guide me. No one to teach me how to manage money, set goals, or plan for the future.

But something changed when I came to CrossPurpose. The more I learned, the more I realized that generational wealth isn't just about money. It's about breaking cycles. It's about building something lasting for your children. It's about rewriting the story for your family—for good.

That's why I joined the Legacy Fellowship. I wanted to take everything I'd already started and go deeper. Learn how to manage my finances. Build wealth. Set real, achievable goals.

Because of the support I've received, I've paid off over \$7,000 in debt, bought my first home in May 2025, built an emergency fund, and taken my oldest son on our very first real vacation to Antigua. In February, we're going back with my youngest too.

For the first time in my life, I'm not just surviving—I'm building a legacy. Not just for me, but for my children.

---

### **Josie Burton**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

I grew up in foster care, experiencing trauma including childhood sexual abuse and time in group homes and detention centers. As a mother of 9 sons, I faced the challenge of breaking generational cycles while dealing with my own healing journey after losing my mother to addiction in 2004.

I've transformed my personal pain into purpose by founding Nxt Chapter, overcoming the barriers that come with having a criminal background, and learning to turn my lived experience into a powerful tool for helping others.

Through the Legacy Fellowship, I've gained the knowledge and confidence to build diversified investment portfolios, establish business partnerships, and create sustainable funding streams. I'm scaling Nxt Chapter to serve thousands more individuals while building generational wealth for my family.

---

### **Sandra Wells**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

I joined Legacy because I wanted to be more wise when it comes to credit, spending, and saving. I didn't just want to settle for survival—I wanted to create something lasting.

During my journey, I learned how to build discipline, shift my mindset, and prepare for the future. I am proud to say I am building generational wealth through homeownership.

The habits of budgeting, saving, and using credit wisely have impacted me the most, because now I'm equipped with tools that will serve me and my family for a lifetime.

With the knowledge and support I've gained from Legacy, I'm confident that I can achieve my goals and create a lasting legacy for my family.

---

## **Demetrius Kelly**

2025 CrossPurpose Legacy Fellow

I joined Legacy because I realized I needed the knowledge and tools to break generational struggle within my family. Throughout this journey I have been able to understand how to grow myself and my dreams through learning.

I have paid off debts, acquired a home, and started a business. I am currently in school for computer science with plans to graduate in December 2027. I have accumulated \$20k in my Roth IRA, \$15k in individual brokerage stocks, and saved 3–6 months of expenses in a high-yield savings account.

The skills I acquired here in Legacy—budgeting and investing—helped me organize my finances and achieve these milestones. With the knowledge and support I've gained from Legacy, I'm confident that I can achieve my goals and create a lasting legacy for my family.