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Richard Cremer

I am currently working at Plantation Coffee Company and my job title is...I honestly don't know.

Make sandwiches.

I have been working here for about 3 months.

What I like most about working here is my co-workers. They bring good vibes, a lot of positive.

The main reason i started working here, I was a troublemaker, I was struggling, I got into a program and they ended up giving me a job.

Basically not going to school. I was always ditching. That kind of stuff.

I used to smoke weed.

I honestly don't know

My life changed a lot ever since I joined the Plantation Coffee Company. My life has been better. Only positive things like I said

What would have happened if I continued on my path of ditching school and doing drugs?, it probably would have been terrible. I wouldn't be here right now talking to you guys. Probably somewhere else stealing, trying to get some money.

Yes, I do have plans to finish school, I'm actually in school right now working on my GED.

Either over here or by the missionary church.

My greatest struggle has been going to school. I just never really liked school. I hated it. I wanted to be at the beach surfing.

Caleb Abergas

MY JOB TITLE IS PLANTATION COFFEE COMPANY AND I WORK AS A PREP AND A SANDWICH MAKER

I HAVE BEEN WORKING HERE ABOUT A MONTH. A LITTLE OVER A MONTH

THE PEOPLE AND THE GOOD VIBES AND LIKE THE PEOPLE YOU MEET LIKE THROUGH SALES AND STUFF, LIKE THROUGH SELLING SANDWICHES AND STUFF.

I ACTUALLY GOT THIS JOB THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE. LIKE I WAS JUST DOING MY COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WORKING HARD AND THEY OFFERED ME A JOB AND YA THATS HOW I GOT IT.

IT KINDA FELT GOOD BUT IT FEELS BETTER TO BE SOBER INSTEAD OF GETTING DRUNK AND STONED OUT EVERYDAY.

I JUST STARTED SMOKING WEED AT A VERY YOUNG AGE, MADE SOME BAD CHOICES, DROPPED OUT OF HIGHSCHOOL.

ITS BEEN GREAT ACTUALLY. BEING CLEAN AND SOBER. MAKING MONEY. OPENED MY OWN BANK ACCOUNT. LEARN ABOUT MY TAXES AND STUFF. LEARN ABOUT BANK THINGS.

I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE STILL BEEN DRINKING, SMOKING WEED, AND I WOULD HAVE PROBABLY BEEN SENT TO BOYS HOME OR DETENTION HOME.

YA. IM GONNA GET MY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND THEN GO TO KCC AND GET MY ASSOCIATES IN CULINARY PROBABLY. MOST LIKELY.

YA ITS PRETTY GOOD. SOMETHING THAT I LIKE TO DO ACTUALLY.

MY GREATEST STRUGGLE HAS BEEN STAYING SOBER AND CLEAN.

THEY ARE LIKE FRIENDS. REAL GOOD FRIENDS. GOOD PEOPLE. POSITIVE VIBES.

YA AT WORK. WERE PRETTY MUCH LIKE A FAMILY

JUST STAY IN SCHOOL. DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO TO SUCCEED IN LIFE.

SHEENA MILLARE

THEY GOT IN CONTACT WITH MY ASSISTANT MANAGER AND HE ASKED IF HE WANTED TO DO AN INTERVIEW WITH YOU GUYS AND I SAID YA SURE.

WHAT WE DO TO HELP KIDS IN NEED LIKE DROPOUTS, IS LIKE, IF YOU DON'T WANNA GO TO SCHOOL, AT LEAST YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE SKILLS THAT YOU NEED TO FIND A JOB. AND WHILE WORKING, YOU CAN ACTUALLY ATTEND CLASSES LIKE YOUR GED CLASSES, OR LIKE DIPLOMA CLASSES.

IT STARTED ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO

I ACTUALLY DECIDED TO HELP THE STUDENTS BECAUSE, ME, I AM ACTUALLY A DROPOUT MY SELF TOO. AND I WISH THERE WAS MORE PEOPLE LIKE ME TO HELP THE YOUNGER PEOPLE.

I USED TO BE ADDICTED TO ICE AND MARIJUANA. NOT ALCOHOL THO. AND THEN I WENT TO JAIL AND THEN I GOT CLEAN. ITS BETTER. LIFE IS BETTER WHEN NOT ON DRUGS.

IF I GO BACK AND USE, IM GONNA DO 20 YEARS SO THATS LIKE ONE OF THE BIGGEST THINGS.

YA IT REALLY DID INFLUENCE ME BECAUSE THATS HOW I USED TO BE. I STARTED TO USE DRUGS WHEN I WAS REALLY YOUNG LIKE 12. SO I DON'T WANT MORE PEOPLE TO BE LIKE ME.

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STUDENTS IS PRETTY OPEN AND GOOD. I JUST WANT THEM TO BE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS ME. SO I TELL THEM TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM ME. ITS BETTER IF YOU JUST COME OUT AND SAY HOW YOU FEEL.

MY GREATEST STRUGGLE SO FAR IS HELPING MY SISTER GUYS GET CLEAN. CUS ITS NOT GONNA WORK IF YOU'RE NOT READY. OR READY TO MAKE A CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE.

THERE IS ALWAYS CHANCES FOR EVERYBODY. BUT STAY IN SCHOOL! THATS ABOUT IT.

GAIL MANDE

WELL THERES A PROGRAM CALLED HALE KIPA AND THE PERSON WHO RUNS HALE KIPA IS THE OWNER OF PLANTATION COFFEE SO THEY COME AND DO SOME COMMUNITY SERVICE AT FIRST AND THEN THEY WILL EVENTUALLY GET A JOB DEPENDING ON HOW BUSY WE GET AND THEY BECOME PART OF PLANTATION COFFEE IN A SENSE.

WELL TO HELP THE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS, IS TO GO AHEAD AND GIVE THEM A LITTLE EXAMPLE AS FAR AS THE EMPLOYES THAT WE HAVE HIRED. ME MYSELF HAS GRADUATED. GROWING UP, I WOULDN'T SAY I HAD A HARD LIFE. BUT I WENT THE WRONG DIRECTION. SE WE THE EMPLOYEES GO AND HELP THE KIDS STEER IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND KINDA USE US AS AN EXAMPLE.

I WOULD SAY MAYBE ABOUT 7 YEARS AGO, THE PROGRAM STARTED. ITS A REALLY GOOD PROGRAM AND ONLY NOW ITS BEING, HOW DO YOU SAY, RECOGNISED.

WELL I HAVE CHILDREN OF MY OWN. AND THEY ARE ALL ADULTS TODAY. IN ORDER FOR ME TO GO AHEAD AND BE ON THE RIGHT TRACK. I KINDA HAVE TO GO AND GIVE IT AWAY AND THE YOUTH IS WHAT'S EVENTUALLY GONNA TAKE OVER SOME DAY.

YES I DID HAVE A PAST WITH DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. I STARTED AT 13 YEARS OLD. I WAS RAISED BY ONE PARENT. SO THAT WAS KINDA MY WAY OF GETTING ATTENTION AND LIKED BY OTHERS.

I'M VERY FORTUNATE THAT MY CHILDREN DIDN'T GO IN THAT DIRECTION. SO ITS EASIER FOR ME TO GO AHEAD AND HELP OTHER CHILDREN INSTEAD OF MY OWN.

WELL SOME OF THEM CALL ME AUNTIE. AND YES I UNDERSTAND ITS OUT OF RESPECT BUT I WOULD RATHER SEE THEM AS ANOTHER HUMAN BEING. BECAUSE I RESPECT THEM ALSO. WE HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP. WE LAUGH AROUND. WE JOKE AROUND. AND IF THEY HAVE PROBLEMS, IM THERE TO LISTEN.

MY GREATEST STRUGGLE WOULD BE.....GETTING PAST MY PAST. I KNOW ITS NOT EASY TO FORGET BUT I CAN MOVE ON TOO. SO I WOULD SAY KINDA LETTING GO OF THE PAST.

AT THE AGE OF THIRTEEN, I STARTED SMOKING WEED, AND THEN THE ALCOHOL GOT INVOLVED. AND THEN I GREW UP AND GOT INTO THE HARDER THINGS LIKE METH AND COCAINE. THAT WASN'T A PRETTY SIGHT. I ENDED UP IN JAIL. I DID 4 YEARS IN JAIL. AND I THINK THAT WAS MY BOTTOM TO HELP ME TO BE RIGHT TODAY.

EVENTUALLY I WOULD HAVE DIED. EVENTUALLY I WOULD HAVE LOST EVERYTHING. EVENTUALLY MY CHILDREN WOULDN'T RESPECT ME. MY FAMILY, MY DAD, EVERYONE THAT IS CLOSE TO ME WOULD BE LOST. OTHER THAN MY LIFE ITS SELF.

WELL THE OWNER OF THE PLANTATION COFFEE COMPANY, THE WARDEN AT THE JAIL. PEOPLE HAS GIVEN ME A LITTLE GRACE AND THATS WHAT MAKES ME STRIVE TO BE A BETTER PERSON. PEOPLE KINDA HELP ME ALONG THE LINE. YOU NEED PEOPLE TO HELP YOU. YOU CANT DO IT YOURSELF.

WHEN YOU ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE, YOU DON'T FEEL ANYTHING. YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING. ITS ALL ABOUT YOU AND HOW TO GET MORE. NOW I'M NOT AS SELFISH AS I AM UNDER THE INFLUENCE. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT I SPREAD MY SELF A LITTLE TOO THIN FOR OTHERS.

EVERYBODY. THE OWNER, MY CO WORKERS, THE ENVIRONMENT, THE PEOPLE THAT COME IN. YOU CAN BE YOU. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND NOT TO BE YOU.

ALWAYS EARN YOUR KEEP AND BE HUMBLE ABOUT IT. NO MATTER IF YOU DO GOOD OR ITS BAD. JUST BE HUMBLE ABOUT IT. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND MOVE INTO POSITIONS THAT WORK. GET MORE MONEY. GET MORE RESPECT. BE HUMBLE ABOUT IT. DONT BRAG. JUST BE YOU. THERE IS NO NEED OF BRAGGING.

KRIS KUALII

OUR BOSSES WIFE DOES A PROGRAM CALLED HALE KIPA WHICH WORKS WITH TROUBLED TEEN AND SO SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THEY COME TO HER PROGRAM. FEED THEM AT OUR COFFEE SHOP AND GET THEM JOBS OVER HERE TOO. KEEP THEM OUT OF TROUBLE.

WE GET THEM WORKING. WE GET THEM MONEY. WELL THERE IS A COUPLE OF PROGRAMS THAT IS COMBINED WITH PLANTATION COFFEE COMPANY. WHICH WOULD HELP THEM GET THERE GED'S FOR THE KIDS WHO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL. THERE WAS A PROGRAM THAT THEY WERE DOING HERE IN ONE OF THE OTHER ROOMS WHERE THEY WOULD DO THEIR GED CLASSES AND THEN COME AND WORK WITH US. AND THEY ALSO HELP THEM GET THEIR LICENSE TOO. THERE IS ANOTHER RPROGRAM FOR THAT.

PROBABLY ABOUT 7 MONTHS AGO.

I WAS OFFERED THIS JOB BECAUSE I AM A RECOVERING ADDICT MYSELF. AND SO IM GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. I FIGURED A GOOD WAY TO HELP THESE KIDS AND GIVE THEM A BETTER LIFE.

YES I DID HAVE A PAST EXPERIENCE WITH DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. IT STARTED OUT WITH CIGARETTES AND ALCOHOL. THEN WEED.WELL THE INFLUENCE THAT I HAVE BEEN HAVING, HANGING WITH THE WRONG FRIENDS. I GOT INTO HEAVIER DRUGS. ICE, CRYSTAL METH, COKE, EVERYTHING.

AT THE TIME, I THOUGHT IT WAS THE COOLEST THING TO DO, BUT THEN IT RUINED MY WHOLE LIFE.

WITH ALL THE STEALING AND EVERYTHING I DID ON DRUGS, ITS KINDA LIKE GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. PLUS I KINDA SEE MY SELF IN THESE BOYS BECAUSE I USED TO BE LIKE HOW THEY WERE. AND I WISH I HAD HELP LIKE US AT THAT TIME AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM EVERYDAY, MAKING THEM BETTER HUMAN BEINGS.

WE HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS. I CAN KINDA UNDERSTAND THEM GOOD BECAUSE I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE COMING FROM. SO I TALK TO THEM LIKE WERE FRIENDS BUT I'M STILL THEIR BOSS TOO SO I MAKE IT A FUN ENVIRONMENT SO THAT THEY WANNA COME TO WORK. SO WE TELL THEM HOW AWESOME IT IS TO STAY CLEAN AND SOBER AND HOW MUCH BETTER THEIR LIVES COULD BE.

MY GREATEST STRUGGLE WOULD PROBABLY BE GETTING OFF OF DRUGS. UM ITS JUST HARD BECAUSE I'M SLAVE OF DRUGS

BECAUSE I WAS STILL ON DRUGS. BUT I WISH I COULD HAVE GOT MY STUFF TOGETHER SO I COULD BE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE KIDS.

THERE ARE NOT AS MUCH PROGRAMS AS THIS AND I THINK THERE SHOULD BE MORE SO I THINK THIS INTERVIEW IS GOOD SO I CAN PUT IT OUT INTO THE PUBLIC AND LET THEM KNOW THAT WE NEED THIS TYPE OF HELP FOR THE KIDS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR ISLAND AND OUR WORLD.

SHAE ROCHA

I AM CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT THE PLANTATION COFFEE SHOP. AND I DO EVERYTHING PRETTY MUCH FROM CLEANING TO MAKING SANDWICHES TO HELPING CUSTOMERS. EVERYTHING PRETTY MUCH.

I JUST STARTED WORKING HERE. I HAVE BEEN WORKING HERE FOR TWO WEEKS NOW.

THE THING THAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT THIS JOB IS MY CO WORKERS. I HAVE A GREAT TIME WORKING HERE. I ACTUALLY LOOK FORWARD TO COMING TO WORK EVERYDAY.

THEY MAIN REASON I STARTED WORKING HERE WAS DUE TO MY DRUG USE. IM CURRENTLY IN RECOVERY. I LIVE AT ONE OF THE CLEAN AND SOBER HOUSES HERE AND MY BOSS ACTUALLY RUNS THIS COMPANY SO HE GAVE ME A JOB AS I CAME INTO THE CLEAN AND SOBER HOUSE.

USING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL WAS A TERRIFYING THING FOR ME. I STARTED AT THE AGE OF 12. IM AT THE AGE OF 19 TODAY. IT WAS SCARY, DIFFERENT OBSTACLES. YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS COMING YOU WAY EACH DAY THAT CAME BY.

MY LIFE HAS BEEN EXCELLENT EVER SINCE I STARTED WORKING AT THE KAUAI COFFEE COMPANY. A LOT OF CHANGES. GOOD CHANGES. POSITIVE CHANGES. THERE IS UPS AND DOWNS. BUT THERE IS MORE UPS THAN DOWNS. AND MY CO WORKERS CAN HELP ME THROUGHOUT THE DOWN THAT I HAVE.

I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DIED IF I CONTINUED TO DO DRUGS. EITHER THAT, IN JAIL, OR JUST SOMEWHERE NOBODY WOULD KNOW OF. DRUGS HAVE TAKEN ME TO JAIL AND JAIL IS NOT A PLACE TO BE.

YES I HAVE PLANS TO FINISH MY EDUCATION. I WANNA BE A REGISTERED NURSE. I WANNA GO TO COLLEGE AND I WANNA SUCCEED ALL MY GOALS AND DREAMS THAT I HAVE TODAY.

MY GREATEST STRUGGLE IS TO SHOOT UP SHOW UP AND TO BE CLEAN EACH DAY. AND MY ONE COMMITMENT THAT I HAVE TO MY SELF AND OTHER PEOPLE THAT DO CARE ABOUT ME.

THERE IS MOKIHANA. ITS IN KAUAI HIGH. THEY HELP TEENS LIKE THIS. THERES NOT SO MUCH SO THIS PLACE IS AWESOME AND GREAT.

THESE PEOPLE HAVE LIVED IN THEIR ADDICTION AND THEIR LIVING IN THEIR RECOVERY ALSO. THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T DONE DRUGS ONLY KNOW BY BOOK SO THESE PEOPLE HAVE LIVED THROUGH THEIR ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SO THATS THE DIFFERENCE. WE HAVE HANDS ON EXPERIENCE AND MOKIHANA DOES NOT.

FIVE POINTS

- Gayle Mendel used to be drug user and even ended up in jail.
- Before she could help anyone else, she had to first help herself.
- The Plantation Coffee Company is helping dropout students get back on the right track.
- How the coffee company helped Gayle.
- Gayle is now helping others in the same situation to get their lives back on track.

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Who: The employes at the Plantation Coffee Company

What: The company is hiring teens who have dropped out of highschool because of drugs and alcohol.

When: Present day

Where: The Plantation Coffee Shop in Lihue

Why: We are making this news story as a project for the CKTV Media Class

How: We will be using the schools computer and camera equipment to produce the film

Topic:Plantation Coffee Company

Issue:Highschool students are dropping out of school because of drugs and alcohol but the Plantation Coffee Company are making their lives better.

Angle: The manager at the Plantation Coffee Company/ Gail Mande

Story: Students are dropping out of highschool because of drugs and alcohol. But the managers at the Plantation Coffee Company have hired those teens and helped them get their life back on the right track.

ASK GAIL IF SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF HALE KIPA HERSELF

AUDIO	VISUAL
<p>Vo: Meet Gail Mande. She is the manager of the Plantation Coffee Company in the town of Lihue. She makes fresh coffee to help people get a fresh start. But when Gail was younger, she also needed a fresh start of her own.</p>	<p>Wide of the building</p>
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<p>Vo: When Gail joined the Plantation Coffee Company, she got the help she needed to get over her addiction.</p>	<p>Gail working</p>
<p>PEOPLE HAS GIVEN ME A LITTLE GRACE AND THATS WHAT MAKES ME STRIVE TO BE A BETTER PERSON. PEOPLE KINDA HELP ME ALONG THE LINE. YOU</p>	<p>Gail working and talking to the other employees</p>

NEED PEOPLE TO HELP YOU. YOU CANT DO IT YOURSELF.	
Vo: After Gail turned her life around, she decided to help the lives of others, especially troubled teenagers.	Gail making coffee
WE THE EMPLOYEES GO AND HELP THE KIDS STEER IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND KINDA USE US AS AN EXAMPLE.	Gail helping the students
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Vo: The Plantation Coffee Company did not only help high school dropouts, but helped Gail as well	
EVERYBODY. THE OWNER, MY CO WORKERS, THE ENVIRONMENT, THE PEOPLE THAT COME IN. YOU CAN BE	The whole group working together

<p>YOU. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND NOT TO BE YOU.</p> <p>WE HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP. WE LAUGH AROUND. WE JOKE AROUND.</p>	
<p>Vo: But for Gail, learning to move on from her past wasn't always easy.</p>	
<p>Gail: MY GREATEST STRUGGLE WOULD BE.....GETTING PAST MY PAST. I KNOW ITS NOT EASY TO FORGET BUT I CAN MOVE ON TOO. SO I WOULD SAY KINDA LETTING GO OF THE PAST.</p>	
<p>Vo: Despite her struggles, Gail has been able to push on forward and be the woman she is today. For Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School, this has been Brandon Marcos</p>	