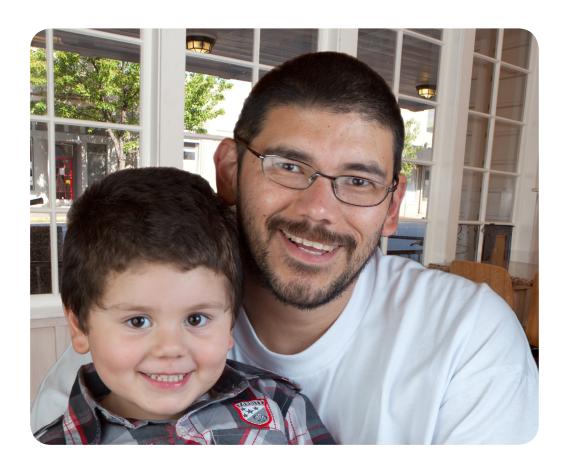
You gave me a second chance

"I was only 28 years old and had already thrown my life away. Starting over was hard. With my jail record, I didn't know if I would ever find a job. But you did what no one else would do. You gave me a job so I could prove myself."



Librado's life spiraled out of control at a young age. He was an addict, in and out of jail and almost killed in a gang fight. But all that changed when he became a father. Librado entered a drug treatment program and turned his life around. Because you believe in new beginnings, the Society was able to hire Librado to have a full-time job in the Free Dining Room. Today he is a highly respected and responsible employee who works days at the Dining Room and helps manage a sober living house at night. Our diners see Librado as a role model because "if he can do it", they might, too. Thanks to you, Librado has a new life for which he can be proud, and a son who adores the man Librado has become.