

My name is Rene Cisneros and I'm a proud member of the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps. I've been at sgvcc for four 1/2 years now. I have worked on various projects at sgvcc including recycling. I began on the sorting crew in 2008 where I learned about the different types of material you can recycle. then moved to daily routes, pickups, and community events. I've also done school presentations where we taught the younger generation the fundamental facts of recycling and why it is so important to recycle .

Before becoming a corps member I was an youthful offender just released from the California Youth Authority. I was incarcerated from the age of 16 and paroled at age 21 with no work experience or any type of training or positive background. I was accepted to the corps and begun my transformation I continued my education and went to school to become a certified peer counselor. I soon without thought started caring about my earth, world, communities, and life's future. The corps has helped me change my whole life around. Before I never had a care in the world, now I care about all the world. From our waters to our land, I understand how important it is for all of us to do our job and keep our earth as clean and safe as possible. For us and the future generations to come.

My future looks very bright and promising now. I'm established with a beautiful successful life, a proud father and a good mentor. I have goals and dreams of living a good long prosperous life with my family. I will some day run my own program working with troubled youth.

Please, please help us continue to work and grow by not removing the bottle bill from our funding. This program works ! It saves life's and mine is one of many. So many beautiful success stories come from the opportunities that the bottle bill creates. It is very very important to our community and the youth whom we strive to help and save.

Sincerely,

Rene Cisneros