



## Planting Justice Staff Testimonials

*This place is like a sanctuary. Everybody around here is supportive. I've been out of prison for three years, I've been at PJ for three years, and I've made it all the way up to shipping supervisor.*

- **Michael Garrison, Nursery Shipping Team Lead**  
*Planting Justice Since 2020*
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*Planting Justice gave me a better look at a better life. So I'm able to share that with kids in high schools, juvenile halls, prisons, and county jails and I'm able to help kids turn their life around by being a mentor, a friend, a big brother, a dad.*

- **Anthony Forrest, Education and Case Manager**  
*Planting Justice Since 2023*
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*PJ basically became a home. I have a family here. I have a lot of help, everyone is real genuine here. Everybody helps everybody out. Planting Justice has always looked out for me in ways other jobs have not.*

- **Luis Ortega Jr., Nursery Technician & Shipping Team**  
*Planting Justice Since 2017*
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*Without Planting Justice, I would not have known what it really means to be part of a community and see a change, and also be part of the change. Planting Justice really opened their arms to me and hugged me really tight, and since then I've been wanting to give the same hug to other people*

- **Julio Madrigal, Farm Manager at The Mother Farm**  
*Planting Justice since 2010*
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*Planting Justice being here in the community educates about what organic is, how to grow your own food, take care of it, harvest it, and actually pay attention to what's going on in your dinner plate. It's very important because a lot of our youth rely on hot cheetos and soda as a breakfast.*



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- **Sal Mateo Escobar, Co-Director & Leadership Council**

*Planting Justice since 2010*

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*Para mi, Planting Justice me ha servido mucho. Tanto espiritual, como físicamente, porque me ha ayudado mucho a sanarme, a llenarme con la energía de las plantas.*

*(Planting Justice has helped me a lot. Spiritually, physically, working here has helped me to heal myself and fill myself with the energy of the plants.)*

- **Adela Flores, Nursery Technician**

*Planting Justice Since 20017*

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*Planting Justice opened doors for me I never thought possible. In this environment, you're not a number, you're a person. You get encouraged to be in leadership positions, to introduce new things to the program. You have a lot of room to grow.*

- **Sol Mercado, Re-entry Coordinator**

*Planting Justice Since 2020*

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*Planting Justice is such a support system here within the community. Sustainable wages, allowing families to work hand in hand in the community... I have never experienced a place like this. There is no other place in the world where you can feel a part of something so big and no one is treated like they're small.*

- **Gordon Limbrick, Leadership Council & Nursery Shipping Team**

*Planting Justice since 2020*

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*Without Planting Justice, I would not have been able to know what organic produce is. I would not have known what it really means to be part of a community and see a change, and also be part of the change that you're trying to see in the community. Planting Justice really opened their arms to me and hugged me really tight and since then I've been wanting to give the same hug to other people.*

- **Julio Madrigal, Farm Manager at The Mother Farm**

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