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President/CEO James Gonzalez featured in Huffington Post

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A Man Who Truly Makes A Difference

If you have read my writing, then you know that I write a lot about national and global issues.

But I'd like to take a second today to write about a good friend of mine, who is making a big difference in my home state of New Jersey.

Jim Gonzalez has done an excellent job improving health services within urban metropolitan environments.

Since 1999 he served as an executive for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), working at its flagship Level I Trauma Center, University Hospital in Newark, then soon after assumed the leadership of its specialized care facility, Broadway House for people living with HIV, drug addiction, and behavioral disorders.

His work with addicts and behaviorally challenged patients showed just how much he cared about those with some of the roughest problems in society.

In 2011, the University's President asked him to serve as the Hospital's CEO, and once the State of NJ passed legislation to merge UMDNJ with Rutgers University, he led the Hospital's transition from its University structure into a standalone, independent State entity that continued to serve the citizens of Newark incredibly well.

What I've been most impressed with, however, is Jim's ability to have such a major impact on the community at large. In addition to his job duties, Jim has provided support and mentorship to disadvantaged Newark students who work one day a week in a corporate business or healthcare setting, and go to school the remaining 4 days. In seven straight years, 98% of the graduates from this school have been accepted at major colleges and universities, earning millions of dollars in scholarship funds and changing their lives forever.

Jim also volunteers his time and experience to develop a cutting edge model in medical education that incorporates the impact of community upon an individual's well-being with the faculty and staff of the future Seton Hall Hackensack Meridian Medical School to be located in Nutley, NJ.

In both business and politics, so many of the best and brightest know what it takes to truly make accomplishments that enhance the world around them. They value trust, they try to understand the opponent's point of view, and they build upon a culture of community and strength in seeking solutions.

Jim Gonzalez is one of those best and brightest. He is a great man and I'm grateful to have worked with him.

More importantly, though, I'm extremely proud to call him my friend.