

 BIOGRAPHIES

### **Don Salazar**

As an entrepreneur, Don Salazar has had many careers. He spent 25 years with Utah Youth Corrections, working with troubled youth. Since 1988, his family has owned and managed Creative Times daycare. Today, he focuses his time on CTI, his construction company.

As president of CTI, Salazar has directed its growth into a multi-million dollar construction company that is growing at a remarkable rate—from \$1.3 million in 2001 to \$9 million in 2004, with current projections of \$200 million in five years. Salazar and CTI have received many awards, including Utah Minority Small Business Man of the Year, Utah Achievement/Community Service Award and SBA contractor of the year.

Salazar presently serves as Chair of the Ogden-Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the board of Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, IHC McKay-Dee hospital board of trustees, Weber State University Arts and Humanities board, Weber State University National Advisory Board, Ogden Weber Applied Technology college construction advisory committee, State Council on Workforce Services, member of the Hispanic Legislative Task Force, past president of the Northern Utah Public Employees Association and several other community action groups.

Salazar and his wife Janet recently celebrated 30 years of marriage. Together, they have three children: Andrea, Jestine and Seve.

Inspirational thought that has helped you during difficult times.

“I believe that you are only given challenges that you can overcome, so persevere and you will be the better for it. Humans learn and benefit from adversity, embrace challenges and welcome the problems.”