

## Curtis Hazel

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Working at the intersection of community resources and nonprofit initiatives, Curtis Hazel merges the two to assist in creating new lanes for clients of [Operation New Hope](#) in Jacksonville, Florida. Operation New Hope provides support, life and job skills training for people with a history of involvement with the criminal justice system. The purpose of the Community Engagement Department of Operation New Hope is to reach and transform a community of support through multimedia storytelling, enabling Operation New Hope to acquire the necessary resources for the sustainable pursuit of its mission.

Curtis joins Founder/CEO and Social Entrepreneur, **Kevin Gay**, and the most compassionate and effective staff in workforce re-entry services in deploying the nationally recognized **Ready4Work®** program to eligible clients. “Our country is ready to reverse the overpopulation of our prisons, and we are prepared to train them when they return home. We deal in the currency of transformed lives and communities and we demonstrate our wealth in terms of data analytics and success stories of those we serve”, says Curtis. Operation New Hope offers plenty of opportunity to help for employers, volunteers and donors.

Prior to joining the Operation New Hope staff, Mr. Hazel delivered leading-edge workforce development technology and multimedia communications to the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe program through **Corporate America Supports You**. Mr. Hazel is a 20 year veteran of the business consulting industry, most recently as owner of Hazel Partners LLC, which was sold in 2017.

Mr. Hazel is a member of the **Honorable Company of Past Chairmen**, also known as the *Red Coats*, a distinction received after serving as Tournament Chairman of **THE PLAYERS** Championship in 2012. During his term as Tournament Chairman, Curtis led more than 2,200 volunteers and raised over \$6.5 million in hosting the PGA TOUR’s major championship at TPC Sawgrass.

Curtis and his wife, Jenny Hazel, reside in St Augustine, Florida with their two children, McKenna and Jackson.