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STORY

Tony J. Gapastione · 2nd 

Director | Screenwriter | Producer | Diversity + Inclusion Advocate

San Francisco Bay Area · 500+ connections · [Contact info](#)

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Experience





Founder | Executive Director

BraveMaker · Full-time

Apr 2018 – Present · 2 yrs 7 mos

Redwood City, California

BraveMaker's mission is to invest in filmmakers and gather audiences to engage in essential conversations.

BraveMaker celebrates diversity and aspires to help through guided discussions and powerful authentic elevate brave voices.

Brave stories change the world.



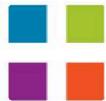
Writer | Director | Producer | On-Camera Talent

SonCity Media

Sep 2012 – Present · 8 yrs 2 mos

- * Produce, write and direct award-winning media including gang violence, substance abuse, the opioid crisis, human trafficking

- * Collaborate with 100+ clients, including nonprofi



Pastor & Creative Director

Peninsula Covenant Church

Jun 1998 – May 2018 · 20 yrs

Redwood City, California

- * Direct media arts and engagement in 1000 mem

- * Lead weekly discussions and presentations to 4000 with attendees through performances, music, pro

- * Manage creative team of 15+ members in weekly

Team Member (Formally Social Media Ambassador)

Windrider Film Forum-Bay Area

Jan 2010 – Aug 2017 · 7 yrs 8 mos

Menlo Atherton Performing Arts Center

- * Travel to annual Sundance Film Festival to preview new media. Coordinate with producers, directors and agents to bring 3 films and associated leaders to Bay Area each year

- * Facilitate Q&A sessions between filmmakers and audiences of 500+ to boost community engagement

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Founder and Board Member

Street Life Ministries

Jun 2001 – May 2016 · 15 yrs

Menlo Park & Redwood City California

- * Launched small, bi-weekly meal program and trainings assisting underserved communities and 1,000+ households
- * Increased nonprofit annual budget from less than \$100,000 to \$1,000,000

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Education



Fuller Theological Seminary

Master's degree, Theology/Theological Studies

2007 – 2010

Activities and Societies: Windrider Film Committee

Studied theology.

North Park University

Bachelor's degree, Bible/Biblical Studies

1996 – 1998

Studied Biblical Studies, participated in many student activities

Skills & Endorsements

Public Speaking · 61

Endorsed by **Charlie Piehler**, who is highly skilled at this



Film Production · 15

Jag From Just Add Gratitude and 14 connections have given endorsements for this skill

Leadership · 42

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Endorsed by 5 of Tony J.'s colleagues at Peninsula Covenant Church

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Recommendations

Received (16)

Given (8)

Crystal Cardenas

Talent Development &
Organizational Success |
Leadership Coach |
Storyteller

July 26, 2020, Crystal worked
with Tony J. but at different
companies

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Rebekah A.

Creative Development at
BraveMaker

June 13, 2019, Tony J. worked
with Rebekah in the same group

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project that he has
been a great experi

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