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Sanctuary for Families Receives \$15,000 Grant from the New York Building Foundation to Develop a Construction Administration Training Program

Sanctuary for Families, a leading service provider and advocate for survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking, and related forms of gender violence, has received a generous gift of \$15,000 from the New York Building Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the New York Building Congress. The funding will expand Sanctuary's construction administration track of their Economic Empowerment Program from a 20-hour introductory course into a comprehensive 40-hour construction administration training track that includes GPRO certification plus a construction administration internship.

Sanctuary's ground-breaking Economic Empowerment Program (EEP) offers career readiness and office technology training to help survivors of gender violence break the cycle of poverty, homelessness, and abuse by securing a living wage job. Through an intensive four month training program, clients focus on professional development, literacy upgrading, and advanced office technology skills that position them for living wage jobs across multiple industries, including health care, financial services, technology, human services, and construction administration. The program achieves consistently high placements rate – with salaries in 2014 averaging over \$14 per hour.

Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, executive director of Sanctuary for Families, said "Economic empowerment is critical to breaking the cycle of poverty and financial dependence that defines many abusive relationships. Construction administration training is life-changing for our clients, many of whom are mothers seeking a way out of the City's shelter and public assistance systems. The program provides skills valuable to building industry employers and prospects for well-paying jobs. We thank the New York Building Foundation for enabling us to take this successful initiative to the next level."