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Building Foundation grant helping domestic violence victims find work

Sanctuary for Families, a service provider and advocate for survivors of domestic violence, has received a grant of \$15,000 from the New York Building Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the New York Building Congress.

The funding will expand a construction administration training program designed to help survivors of domestic violence secure a living wage job in the construction industry by achieving GPRO certification and completing an internship.

With the assistance of a handful of dedicated women in the construction industry, including Lonnie Coplen of McKissack & McKissack, Sanctuary began the program in 2014. Successful participants have found job placements at major construction firms including McKissack, Turner Construction, SCA, and AECOM.

Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, executive

director of Sanctuary for Families, said “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.”

Building Congress President Richard T. Anderson added, “Sanctuary’s terrific program is directly in keeping with the building community’s historic role as a source of economic empowerment for its members. We look forward to welcoming its graduates to careers in the building industry.”

Industry members interested in serving as mentors or guest lecturers, or providing an internship or job opportunities may contact Angelo J. Rivera, Sanctuary’s Department Director for Economic Empowerment Programs at 212-349-6009.