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### CAREER FAIR A PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS

The August 11th Career Fair showed how the power of partnerships can have a positive impact on the community as CISCO, St. Paul Church of God in Christ Community Development Ministries, Inc. and the Chicago Teachers Union joined forces to provide education on career opportunities to nearly 100 high school students and adults.

Trades representatives from the Automobile Mechanics Local 701, Bricklayers, Carpenters, Electricians, Laborers, Operating Engineers, Pipefitters, Plumbers and Teamsters provided educational hands-on demonstrations to the participants.

Many other organizations also took part in the activities of the day. The following organizations had exhibitors and presenters on hand: Chicago Federation of Labor, Chicago Women in Trades, Illinois Dept. of Employment Security, Illinois Dept. of Transportation; Illinois State Tollway Authority, Secretary of State Jesse White's Office, and the Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship.

Prior to the hands-on activities, a program overview highlighting several speakers included **Elder Kevin Anthony Ford**, St. Paul Church; CTU Assistant to the President **Audrey May**; CTU Recording Secretary **Michael Brunson**; **Gary Ellinger**, Office of Apprenticeship (DOL); **Elvis Martin**, Black Contractors United; CISCO Executive Director **Dan Allen**, CISCO Education to Careers Director **Johnetta Ryan**, and **Bishop Charles Mason Ford** from St. Paul Church of God in Christ, who made the entire event possible by agreeing to host the event on the church campus.



*Elder Kevin Anthony Ford, St. Paul Church of God in Christ, greets a table of participants, during the program overview.*



*Ray Koch, Carpenters Apprenticeship Program, helps one of the Career Fair attendees learn the finer points of hammering together two pieces of a wooden toolbox.*



*Don Walker, Apprenticeship Coordinator for the Bricklayers, gives a lesson in using a trowel to Audrey May, Assistant to the President at the Chicago Teachers Union.*

A very special thank you goes out to Chicago Alderman **Pat Dowell** - 3rd Ward, and to **Jorge Ramirez**, CFL President for their generous contributions to the Career Fair.

An additional special mention goes out to SPCDM and One Hope United for providing counselors for the event.



*CISCO Education to Careers Director Johnetta Ryan talks about the various trades and apprenticeship programs to the students.*



*Electrician apprentices (from left) Erik Voster, Tacarra Thompson and Jamaal Johnson finish final display preparations.*



*Plumbers Apprenticeship Training Director John Yock (right) shows the proper way to measure a pipe to an attendee while retired tradesman Joe Abergo (left) looks on.*