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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### CARPENTERS DONATE WORK TO IMPROVE CHARITY TRAINING CENTER

In the spirit of giving during the holidays, members of the Carpenters Local 1185 chipped in to refurbish the floors, baseboards, doors and other items at Chicago's Gateway to Learning Training Center - a special education center that provides services for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The work was done the day before and the weekend after Thanksgiving.



*Carpenters from Local 1185 work on the floors and baseboards of one of the rooms at the Gateway to Learning Training Center in Chicago.*

Damage caused by a leaking dishwasher was the reason the work was needed, and the Carpenters seized on the opportunity to do a good deed for a worthy cause. Manpower was donated by the Professional Flooring Installers Association, while the materials, called Eco-Grip, were donated by KJL Commercial.

"The Carpenters really saved the day for us," said Kathy Lavin, Executive Director, Gateway to Learning. "This story demonstrates how our organization, and the men and women of the union construction industry, share the same values of giving back to the community."

In addition, the Emmy-nominated

series Built to Last - an informative show exploring the skill and training of trade union members and contractors - was on-hand to film the generosity of the local union and contractors.

### RCEC EVENT BRINGS OUT THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Over-the-top generosity was the story of the day at a recent event co-sponsored by the Residential Construction Employers Council and the Residential Homebuilders Alliance.

About 75 attendees were on hand at Weber Grill in Schaumburg to see more than \$13,000 of donations provided for School District 211's Building Program.



*Chris Gunsteen, a teacher at Palatine High School who oversees the Building Program, thanks attendees at the recent RCEC/RHBA holiday party. Donations help the program's efforts of encouraging the next generation of tradespeople.*

RCEC, Monarch Construction and RB Construction donated \$8,500 toward the purchase of Carhartt jackets, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters donated \$2,500, the Prociaccio Painting & Drywall Company contributed \$1,000, and numerous other organizations kicked in an additional \$1,250 in the form of materials or gift cards that went to aid the District's program.

### CISCO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: DEADLINE TO APPLY - FEB. 21, 2020

CISCO is accepting applications for its 2020 Scholarship Program. CISCO offers (3), four-year scholarships to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.



The application forms can be downloaded from CISCO's website ([www.cisco.org](http://www.cisco.org)). All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 21, 2020. For more information, contact CISCO at 630.472.9411.

### ILLINOIS AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MICHAEL CARRIGAN RETIRES



CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen congratulates Michael T. Carrigan on his retirement. Carrigan served at the Illinois AFL-CIO since 2000, when he was elected Secretary-Treasurer. In 2007, he was elected President, holding that position for 12 years.

A reception in his honor was held Wednesday, December 4th. Congratulations Mike!

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