

## **GHHI Reporting January 17, 2013**

### **Trainee Updates:**

Total trained: 168 Total placed: 63
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Since DWEJ's last GHHI report in December 2012, we have placed 5 more trainees with work. Some are doing asbestos abatement work on homes that will be demolished in preparation of the expansion of Marathon. Others are working as lead certified workers for the Pontchartrain renovation project.

### **Green Jobs Alumni Success Stories:**



Malcolm Stewart grew up in a home built in Detroit before the ban on lead in paint since 1978. It is common to find homes built before 1978 in Detroit. Thankfully he and his family did not get poisoned, but they knew others who were. This made an impact on how he viewed construction and the health of his family. Thus, Malcolm became interested in going into the lead abatement industry. So when Malcolm's

brother told him about the Green Job training program offered by DWEJ, he jumped to the opportunity and signed up in April of 2012. Five months later, he graduated with the following certifications: lead abatement, 40-hr HAZWOPER, asbestos abatement, OSHA 10 construction, weatherization, and renovation, repair and painting (RRP).

Malcolm said that the best part about the training was that it helped him become a better person. He said the knowledge he received not only encouraged him to be more conscious with his every day habits - like throwing away recyclables, but it also help him to stop smoking. A huge achievement since he was previously smoking a pack a day. Classes he attended taught him health-influencing materials that covered everything from construction to cigarettes. For that, he said he is forever appreciative. Currently, Malcolm is employed as a mechanical engineer for Amtrak.



Yoletta Hall joined the DWEJ Green Jobs training program in (enter month/year here). Since then she has gone on to successfully complete certifications in, asbestos abatement, renovation, repair and painting (RRP), 40-hr HAZWOPER, OSHA 10 construction, and weatherization.

On Monday, she completed her 6th certification, a lead abatement supervisor test. Currently, Yoletta works as a hospital aid, however she is interested in lead supervisor training and home weatherization. She said that the knowledge gained from DWEJ training program has

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been "phenomenal" because "sometimes it's hard to get a foot in the door so training has become a huge asset".

Yoletta said her goal is to give back to the City of Detroit. She wishes to further her training so she may assist high school students by offering a positive environment. When asked about being a woman in an industry dominated by men, Yoletta said, "It makes no difference". She said the training does not discriminate and the support is equal as long as there is a willingness to improve.

### **Upcoming Training:**

- February 23 beginning First Aid and CPR training
- Contractor Entrepreneurial Training & Technical Assistance Program beginning the first week February. Exact date TBD.