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CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CAREERS PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES HOME DEPOT GRANT FOR \$25,000

(Manatee and Sarasota Counties) --- The Home Depot Foundation has awarded Construction Technology Careers (CTC) a grant of \$25,000. The money will be used for preapprenticeship training for high school juniors and seniors pursuing careers in the construction trades following high school graduation.

“The Home Depot Foundation is very excited about being a funding partner with CTC. We feel strongly that developing a skilled construction trades workforce is critical to the nation’s ability to address the affordable housing shortage many low and moderate-income families are facing. Making high school youth aware of a construction trades career and providing them preapprenticeship training is a powerful incentive for students to choose this career path especially when gaining a college education may not be an option for them,” said Kelly Caffarelli, executive director of The Home Depot Foundation.

“I am very pleased that The Home Depot Foundation supports CTC. Our preapprenticeship training program needs funding to grow, as seed monies from the two school districts decreases. This grant will make it possible for CTC to serve more area youths interested in careers in construction,” said Mark Kennell, CTC’s Volunteer Chairman.

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About CTC

CTC served 34 youths during the past school year in Manatee and Sarasota counties. At a special ceremony on May 11, five youths were recognized as the first-ever CTC “graduates,” after completing the 900 hour preapprenticeship curriculum.

CTC is a growing and unique preapprenticeship initiative that targets junior and senior high school students for potential careers in plumbing, masonry, carpentry, HVAC and electrical. Participating students are dually enrolled at their high school and at either Manatee Technical Institute (MTI) or Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI). Seven construction trade associations, including the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, and 39 area construction industry employers currently sponsor CTC. The program is supported by the Manatee and Sarasota School Districts and the Suncoast Workforce Board. CTC was founded in 2001 in response to a dramatic and increasing skilled workforce shortage. More information is available by calling 361-6090 ext 113 or by visiting www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org.



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