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CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CAREERS PROGRAM HONORS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Blythe McDonough of Wyman Plumbing Honored for Volunteer Efforts

Blythe McDonough was honored as the first **Volunteer of the Year** for the **Construction Technology Careers** Preapprenticeship initiative at its recent "Completers Ceremony." The first-ever ceremony was held in front of an audience of almost 100 educators, apprenticeship advocates and construction industry employers from Sarasota and Manatee counties.

CTC Chairman Mark Kennell of W.G. Mills, noted "Blythe is a tireless advocate of preapprenticeship and does whatever it takes to recruit future workers for the construction trades." He presented McDonough with an engraved crystal bowl for her efforts. "We are thrilled that she includes CTC in her civic involvements and we cherish her dedication and enthusiasm," Kennell added.

McDonough is Vice President of Wyman Plumbing, Inc. of Manatee County. She and her husband also own Wm. F. McDonough Plumbing. Blythe was one of the founding members of CTC, a workforce development strategy initiated in 2001 through a joint effort of the Suncoast Workforce Board, Gulf Coast Builders Exchange and regional construction industry employers and subcontractors.

McDonough, as membership director for the CTC, singlehandedly raised over \$31,000 from regional subcontractors in the plumbing, electrical, HVAC, carpentry, masonry and roofing trades. She has also generated investments from additional regional trade associations. Blythe chaired a fundraising event that generated over \$11,000 for CTC. She donates over 250 hours a year to CTC as mentor, speakers bureau representative, CTC Board Member and student advocate.

McDonough is a resident of Sarasota and active in many other civic and cultural activities including the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, which honored her with a similar award in 2000 and 2002. Additional information on CTC is available by calling (941) 361-6090 ext. 112 or by visiting www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org.

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