

Portland area residents train in the construction trades thanks to Constructing Hope, a pre-apprenticeship program rooted in Portland's African American community.

Fostering Employment in the Trades

Program turns lives around; grows support

The city of Portland is investing \$100,000 to help the northeast Hope provide construction training and records expungement for low-income residents.

the training of 50 community members in the skilled construction trades and add new records expungement services for people his life, but his daughter's. with a criminal justice history.

were disproportionally tarnished with a criminal record for minor offenses, including cannabis executive director of Constructing Hope. "So this grant will have a tremendous impact on an hour. Portland's communities of color."

record can bar graduates from land airport." many projects, such as federally-funded contracts. Construct- placed 65 previously uneming Hope will help people reduce ployed or underemployed Oreor remove their criminal records gonians in new careers with an history and secure their driver's average starting wage of \$18.50. license in a timely manner.

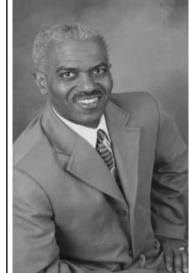
The grant will help people like low-income households seeking Portland nonprofit Constructing Robert Thomas. When Robert no-cost construction training can came to Constructing Hope, he learn more by visiting constructwas struggling to find a life direcinghope.org or call the organization after eight years in the crimtion at 503-281-1234. The recent grant will pay for inal justice system. With custody of his 10-year-old daughter, it became even more important to gain the skills to better not only

Robert completed Construct-"Traditionally, people of color ing Hope's no-cost, 10-week pre-apprenticeship program last December.

"The day the program ended, possession," said Pat Daniels, I got a call to go to work" as a first-term ironworker apprentice with Local 29—earning \$22.25

With this grant, Robert can potentially reduce his felony re-Construction is one of the few cord to a misdemeanor and qualindustries that will hire people ify for desirable contracts such with a criminal record, but that as Port of Portland and the Port-

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Rev. Al Sharpton

Last year, Constructing Hope

Community members from

MONDAY - FRIDAY

12 Midnight -3 A.M. MIKE SHANNON

3 A.M. - 7 A.M. TOM JOYNER

7 A.M. - 10 A.M. TONI TERRELL

10 A.M. - 1 P.M. REV. AL SHARPTON (KEEPING IT REAL)

1 P.M. - 3 P.M. KENNY SMOOV

3 P.M. - 7 P.M.D.L. HUGHLEY

7 P.M. - 9 P.M. PAPA SMURF

9 P.M. - 12 Midnight

MIKE SHANNON



3 A.M. - 6 A.M. TOYA BEASLEY

MIKE SHANNON

6.A.M. - 12 NOON SUNDAY MORNING GOSPEL W/ANGELA

12 NOON - 1 P.M. HIGHLAND LIVE C.C.

BROADCAST 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.

4 P.M. - 12 Midnight DOUGLAS WILLIAMS





D. L. Hughley 3pm - 7pm



Tom Joyner 3am - 7am

PAPA SMURF

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meal.

gether a menu and delegated what everybody would bring. Our goal was to get people to respond and spread the word."

It obviously worked, to everyone's delight, and there was more meals in one week. On Monday, than enough food to go around.

"They could have as many had food left over and to make in Christ.

sandwiches the next day," Harris

The shelter at Northeast Mar-"I had about 30 people that tin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and contacted me and about 18 who Killlingsworth is run by Transiserved," Harris said. "We put to- tion Projects and was only one of two of their shelters that did not have a meal scheduled to be served on Thanksgiving Day. But thanks to the added effort, shelter residents got two Thanksgiving a Thanksgiving meal was also delivered to shelter residents by the servings as they wanted and we Daniels Memorial Church of God