

Hope Renovations' First All Women Cohort to Commence Trades Training

Trades Training Program offered by Hope Renovations is set to launch on April, 15.

Press Release

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CHAPEL HILL, NC, (April 15, 2019) -- A group of eight unemployed and low-income women from Orange County will receive Department of labor recognized training through Hope Renovations.

On account of the \$399,926 grant given by the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the help of donations made by supporters of our organization, eight women will participate in a 12-week curriculum via the Home Builders Institute PACT (Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training). Hope Renovations wishes to kickstart a future for women with the launch of this program. Whether they go into an entry level trades position, begin an apprenticeship or receive further education at a community college, the addition of females in this area of work will lessen the gender pay gap and better the economy.

"We want to prepare our trainees not just to be great workers but to be strong leaders with big goals," Nora Spencer, CEO of Hope Renovations, said.

The trainees will have the opportunity to hear from a variety of female speakers. The speakers represent a wide span of the construction trades in North Carolina. They will offer participants insight into what it is like to work in the industry.

Guest Speakers will include:

- Michele Meyers, the owner of MSquared Builders
- Carol Dixon, the owner of Carol's Electric
- Holly Fracarro, the CEO of Home Builder's Association of Durham, Orange and Chatham
- Judy Dinelle, the building ambassador for 84 Lumber and past-chairperson of Professional Women in Building
- Sandy DeWeese, the owner of DeWeese Construction
- Alaina Garman, the owner of Garman Homes
- Emily Kreutzer, the owner of Carrboro Plumbing

The trainees will also be met by a social worker who will aid them in overcoming unemployment and assist them in connecting with community resources. The trainees will have a chance to put what they will learn to use by performing small renovations for homes of aging-in-place seniors.

“Unlike a traditional job skills training program, our program also includes multiple support services that are meant to address other barriers that underemployed women often face,” Spencer said.

Hope renovations will provide each of the eight trainees in the program with childcare, transportation support and a \$1000 stipend for the duration of their training.

Click the link below if you are interested in our training program

<https://www.hoperenovations.org/learn-more/>

About Hope Renovations

The volunteers, staff, and leadership of Hope Renovations have a passion for service and fostering a genuine change. This nonprofit is located in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and will launch in April 2019. Brought to life by Nora Spencer, a graduate of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a master’s degree in social work, Hope Renovations is the first nonprofit in the country to center around both women and aging-in-place seniors. For low-income women seeking a quality career, Hope Renovations will offer a 10-week skills training program. This program will teach women important skills in trade and employment. It will also offer training in personal financial management, health and wellness, work/life balance and harassment. For Seniors, volunteers and employees of Hope Renovations will provide home repair and renovation services. These services will include a free home assessment conducted by a certified NAHB Aging-in-Place Specialist. Repairs and Renovations will be performed by women in the program so they can experience on-the-job training. Hope Renovations is a member of the North Carolina Center for Nonprofits and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. Hope Renovations is fully committed to its cause and will make a positive impact. For more information please visit <https://www.hoperenovations.org/>

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