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**Young Adults Join *Builders of Tomorrow* Program
To Help Build a Better Future**

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The City of Cleveland is teaming up with the Cleveland Police Athletic League to expand the *Builders of Tomorrow* program, providing young adults ages 18-24 with quick-start carpentry training. This accelerated, 14 week program helps give at-risk individuals the opportunity to learn a trade and to engage in a lifelong, productive career within the Greater Cleveland community.

Five graduates recently completed the program and four will be assisting in the construction of Cleveland's new juvenile detention center through employment with a Cleveland-based company. One young man will be continuing his studies in electrical engineering. "The trainees did an amazing job and we are excited about the progress they have made in such a short amount of time," says Cynthia Mumford, President of Triple A Builders, Inc. "We look forward to extending this opportunity to others in the Cleveland area."

Eligibility for the *Builders of Tomorrow* program includes those who have obtained a high school diploma or GED, have reliable transportation and a strong commitment to completing the program.

The training includes lead safe renovations and lead abatement licensing. Upon successful completion, hours earned from this quick-start program can be applied toward apprenticeship.

Builders of Tomorrow is being conducted with the Northern Ohio Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc. (ABC). Tuition is roughly \$6,000 and is funded by Triple A Builders, Inc., Greater Cleveland Lead Advisory Council, Employment Connection and Cleveland STANCE.

Like *Builders of Tomorrow*, the Cleveland STANCE initiative (Stand Together Against Neighborhood Crime Everyday) aims to help young people create a successful future by offering positive alternatives to gangs, drugs and violence. Visit www.ClevelandStance.com to learn more about STANCE and how you can take part in creating a safer community.

Press Conference Details

A press conference will be held at noon, Monday, September 8th at the office of the Partnership For A Safer Cleveland located at 2239 East 14th Street. Parking will be available free at parking lot adjacent to the building. Participants from the program will be in attendance.

Please contact the Partnership For A Safer Cleveland at 216.523.1128 x24 for additional information and don't forget to check out the PAL (Cleveland Police Athletic League) website www.clevelandpal.org/programs.html to learn more about the *Builders of Tomorrow* program.