

Rebekah Lyons

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - December 2020



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 1

Union: OPCMIA

Local: 528

Bio

Rebekah was placed in Foster Care at the age of 3 when both her parents went to prison. Foster Care was both mentally and physically abusive and when she ran away as a teenager, she turned to gang activity. This gave her a false sense of confidence, self-worth and family. She has gone to prison 3 times. From work release, she joined the Cement Masons. Determined to never go back to prison, she has been employed by one single contractor and has proved to be dependable and eager to learn. She stepped forward to be one of the workers who continued to work through the initial COVID-19 shutdown. She feels a sense of family and friendship there and because of her great attitude, the Journeymen are eager to teach her the trade.

Why Rebekah Was Nominated

Rebekah has overcome some tough circumstances she experienced early in her life. Rebekah is 29 years old and has said she feels like an adult for the first time. Her life is headed in the right direction and she is grateful for the opportunities she continues to have as a Cement Mason. She is well liked by her co-workers and she's earning wages that give her financial independence.