Cristina Redbear
Tradeswomen Heroes Award Winner - March 2021

Level of Experience: Apprentice
Years in Trade: 2
Union: Boilermakers
Local: 83

Bio
Cristina Redbear works as a construction boilermaker out of Kansas City, Missouri Local 83. In the past she’s held jobs in HR, childcare and retail. She’s the mother of four school-aged children.

Why Cristina Was Nominated
After being raised on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North and South Dakota, Cristina Redbear found herself homeless as a young, single mother of two. Cristina didn’t give up, though. After finding a job with the tribe and apartment, she decided she wanted a more sustainable life for the long-term. She took a welding course and learned the trade. After indenturing into the Boilermakers, she packed up her family and moved to the Kansas City area. They didn't bring anything on the move but their clothes, and lived in her sister’s basement for months until the family could move into their own home. She’s now a married mom of four school-aged children and juggles work travel and family life with her husband. Cristina had a challenging life full of road blocks, but it hasn’t soured her. She's an excellent worker, so much so that contractors request her on jobs. In addition to her skill, her sunny disposition and upbeat attitude are welcome in her local and in the union.