

Malgorzata (Gosia) Wanzewicz

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - March 2023



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 10 years

Union: OPCMIA

Local: 528

City: Bonney Lake, WA

Bio

Malgorzata Wanzewicz, (pronounced Mal-go-zata Vansow-veech), became a Cement Mason with Local 528 in April 2016. She goes by Gosia and she came to the United States in 2002 from Wroclaw, Poland. Originally here visiting family on a tourist visa, she soon married and became pregnant with her daughter, Milena. She started to learn English by watching children's shows with her young child. Her marriage wouldn't survive the abuse and control, so she fled and struggled on her own with some support from family and friends. She got her first job in retail but then had an opportunity to become a certified materials tester with Hayre McElroy & Assoc., which she did for 5 years.

She became a Cement Mason at the suggestion of her union boyfriend (and the father of her son, Eli.) He told her about Cement Masons', Marilyn and Alyssa who worked at Conco, so she went through the Hell Days tryouts and was hired by Kevin at Conco. Gosia has proven to be a reliable, skilled employee and tradeswoman who remains at Conco to this day.

Being a Union Cement Mason has given Gosia the financial independence to make good choices for her and her children and she has recently purchased her first home, by herself.



She brings her hard work and perseverance to the job and has developed personal strength and confidence which is evident to people who know her. She is artistic and she has a love for the outdoors and animals which she embraces enthusiastically with her children.

Why Gosia Was Nominated

I have known Gosia since she started in the trades and her journey to learn English, earn a good wage, raise her children and finally be in a healthy relationship is, at least in part, a journey many women go through. She is hard-working at work and fun-loving as a person. It's been her determination that has made her persevere through her most challenging moments. I'm very proud to call her my Union Sister.