

Giday Adhanom

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - May 2025



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 17 years

Union: OPCMIA

Local: 528

City: Tacoma, WA

Bio

Giday Adhanom was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and came to the United States when she was 10 years old. She graduated from Rainier Beach High School and started nursing school to become a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant).

After getting into some trouble and unable to continue her career as a nurse, she entered the ANEW Program. Becoming a Cement Mason was her first choice, and she joined Local 528 in 2005. She paused her career in 2008 with the birth of her second and third child. She re-entered the union in 2013 and has been an active finisher ever since.

Giday is a well-rounded, take-charge finisher who works well with a large crew or independently. She has experience in nearly every aspect of our craft. She has held crew lead roles and was a key player on the Climate Pledge Arena Project with Mortensen.

To this day, she provides culturally congruent care as a birth doula and is an activist within the community on behalf of the incarcerated and the Ethiopian community in Seattle. She loves to travel and spend time with her children. She most recently traveled to her birthplace in Ethiopia for a month and met her



father and her extended family for the first time.

Why Nominate Giday?

Giday is a working tradeswoman, single mother of 3 teenagers, and raising them to become self-sufficient young adults. She is an excellent mentor out in the field and has become a good friend to me. I'm proud to call her my union sister.