

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES AT YBLC

When Juan walked into a job fair during his senior year at North Chicago Community High School, he was unsure about his future plans. He had always been interested in becoming an electrician, but he was unsure about taking the first step from high school student to full-time construction worker.

It was at that job fair that he discovered YouthBuild Lake County's Pre-Apprentice program, which gave him the space to develop the skills he needed to begin a career.



"YouthBuild opened up so many opportunities for me. When I started, my goal was to become an electrician. However, the construction staff helped open up my view on trades. One career pathway that I never had considered was Renewable Energy, so when YouthBuild asked if I wanted to be a part of their Solar Installer Training pilot program, I said yes!"

"During the program, a number of employers came in to discuss employment opportunities in the renewable energy sector. Arch Electric gave a presentation that stuck with me, and now, less than a month later, I'm about to start my new job as a solar panel installer!"

*"I'm so glad I did because it put me in the position I'm in now. I'm not the same lost kid I was when I started at YouthBuild last year - now I am feeling **confident and prepared for my future.**"*

Juan's story is a reminder of what's possible when opportunity and support come together. This year, your gift can help create more stories like his - young adults finding their passion, pursuing meaningful careers, and building brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

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Executive Director

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