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**Construction Training Program Holds Graduation Ceremony**

*One graduate will win free car; City Council members to speak*

**WHAT:** Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) will hold the graduation ceremony for its C-10 Jumpstart program, followed by a Construction Career Job Fair

**WHEN:** C-10 graduation is noon on Wednesday, March 8 ***(TODAY****)*; job fair begins at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St., downtown Cincinnati

**VISUALS: Car giveaway, graduation ceremony, public officials speaking**

**WHO:** City Council member Wendell Young will speak

**ABOUT:** C-10 Jumpstart offers free training in various building trades so participants can become carpenters, electricians, HVAC technicians, cement finishers and more. Typically, people who complete the program earn $25-$35 per hour within a few years.

**MORE:** C-10 Jumpstart is funded by the City of Cincinnati and the Ohio Valley Construction Education Foundation. **A free, gently used car will be given to the hardest-working graduate**

**NOTE:** 100% of C-10 graduates will be employed in a new construction career or enrolled into registered apprenticeship or both.  More than 100 job offers have already come forward to this group of students.

***For more information, contact Kevin Osborne, CAA’s Community Relations Director, at (513) 516-1966 or via*** ***kosborne@cincy-caa.org***

**About CAA:**

Founded in 1964, the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) is a private, nonprofit organization that serves low-income children, adults and families throughout Hamilton County. CAA provides assistance with employment, supportive services, home energy efficiency, early childhood education, housing and opening a small business.