

NAWIC Block Kids Program Encourages Interest in Construction



Grand prize winner Timmy McKinney

Children in grades one through six recently participated in the 20th Annual Block Kids Building Program at Embassy Suites Independence. The competition event, hosted by Cleveland Chapter #156 of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), drew 150 children who built projects using provided building materials.

For the competition, children used their imaginations to build projects using Legos, string, rock and aluminum foil. When finished, they raised their hands and judges, including members of architecture and general contracting firms, interviewed them about their projects.

The grand prize winner was third grader Timmy McKinney of John Glenn Elementary School in Seven Hills, Ohio who built a castle. He will advance to the regional competition, where he will compete for a chance to go to the national competition.

NAWIC gave Toys R Us gift cards and mini construction tool kits to first, second and third place winners in each of three age groups. Besides prizes for the winners, all children received a boxed lunch, hard hat, t-shirt and goody bags filled with donated items. Parents and siblings were also treated to pizza, snacks and juice. Monetary donations from construction companies and construction unions in Northeast Ohio helped the chapter defray the expenses to promote this program to the children in the area.

The Block Kids competition is held by different chapters throughout the country. There are 20 NAWIC chapters in Cleveland's region and nearly all of them are holding Block Kids events during the month. To learn more about Cleveland Chapter #156, visit www.nawicleveland.org.

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Allan B. Pinter, vice president emeritus (Retired) with Millennium Housing Management, Ltd., of Cleveland recently was announced as a winner of the National Affordable Housing Management Association's (NAHMA) Industry Statesman award. He is one of two individuals recognized by the national organizations as an "outstanding industry leader whose long-term service and dedication to NAHMA, the local AHMA and the affordable housing industry has been a constant source of inspiration."

The award was announced as part of NAHMA's annual Industry and AHMA Awards. The list of award winners includes both individuals and organizations that have worked in innovative ways to develop and improve affordable housing in their communities and to continue

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