

CHICAGOLAND HEAT & FROST INSULATORS WELCOME TOMMIE HARRIS AT WESTSIDE CHURCH/COMMUNITY CENTER

Chicago football star also visits students and spreads inspiration/holiday cheer

CHICAGO - The International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers/Local 17 and Chicago football's Tommie Harris visited an area church and community center Tuesday, December 1st as part of the union's ongoing effort to raise awareness of mechanical insulation's vital role in green building and energy efficiency.

Concluding a months-long promotion, Harris and Local 17 members toured and visited the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels (3808 W. Iowa Street, Chicago) to perform a complementary assessment of the parish's mechanical insulation system. In the coming weeks, Local 17 will complete a thorough insulation energy appraisal and recommend various options designed to increase energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reductions.

Following Tuesday's parish tour, Harris and Local 17 leadership accompanied Father Bob Lombardo to the newly renovated Kelly Hall YMCA to greet area schoolchildren participating in an after school program. Harris spoke to the children about the value of education and realizing one's dreams. He also took questions and signed autographs for those on hand.

"Today was a special day," said Local 17 Business Manager Brian Glynn. "This opportunity allowed us the chance to highlight our role in the national quest for energy efficiency. More so, we were inspired to witness the good works taking place in this community."

Father Lombardo added, "It was a thrill to welcome Local 17 and Tommie Harris. I applaud Local 17's commitment to working towards a safer and healthier world. I also appreciated the opportunity to brighten our kid's day with a visit from Tommie. His message resonated and will have a lasting impact on our students."

More information about the insulation energy appraisal's can be found at www.Local17Insulators.com.

More information about the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, including volunteer opportunities, can be found at www.OurLadyOfTheAngelsMission.com.

About the Heat & Frost Insulators/Local 17

The Heat and Frost Insulators/Local 17 have been active in the Chicagoland area for more than 100 years. They currently have more than 1,000 members and are based in Chicago.

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