

# YOUTH BUILD PROGRAM

The morning of Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> was another special day at the Friendship Center. There is an innovative new program in Vancouver called YouthBuild that is a consortium of many local organizations that includes Habitat for Humanity, Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, Vancouver Housing Authority, and WorkSource along with our longtime collaborator Partners in Careers as the lead. YouthBuild is a national program whose goal is to make it possible for youth aged 16 to 24 to complete their GED and learn construction skills that will lead to employment in a building trade at the end of their two years. We were very blessed to host a group of 22 young men and women and their counselors at our shop that day for a Tool Safety Orientation, put on by our Facilities Manager Craig Cluff and our Activity Coordinator CJ Haney.

That class was one small part of their two weeks of 'boot camp' training. They are now invited back to use our Shop as their practice lab so that they can get more proficient on the various tools they will be using on their worksite, where they will be building a house in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. We wish them all many blessings and much success over the next two years!!



Craig Cluff, Warehouse Manager teaching on tools at "boot camp".

## Products of the Month

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