



## **UA 400 Pipe Trades Receives \$1,500 Grant from the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region through the Rollie Choudoir - UA Local 400 Memorial Fund**

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**Kaukauna, WI (July 29, 2019)** — The Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. has awarded a \$1,500 grant to UA 400 Pipe Trades through the Rollie Choudoir – UA Local 400 Memorial Fund. The funding will be used for the purchase and installation of new heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) equipment to train apprentices at the UA 400 Training Center.

“We’re here to support our members who want to get additional education and training,” said Jeff Knaus, business manager and financial secretary/treasurer for UA 400 Pipe Trades. “That’s what the UA 400 training center is here to do, and this grant will allow more than 50 HVACR apprentices to gain more knowledge and hands-on experience using the latest technology so they are better prepared to service the needs of our contractors and customers in the community. We are very grateful to the family of Rollie Choudoir and the Community Foundation for this donation.”

Kathy Clark, who is originally from Kaukauna, established a fund with her three siblings, who live in Appleton and Menasha, in memory of their father, Rollie Choudoir, who passed away on September 2, 2014 at the age of 97. The fund was created with memorial funds received following their father's passing, and an initial gift from the four children.

“The fund is named in memory of Rollie Choudoir, who was a member of the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters, and who devoted many years to the UA Local 400,” said Megan Mulholland, APR, director of marketing and communications for the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. “Apprenticeship is a time-tested approach to training and developing skilled labor, which helps strengthen our community. We are proud to support the pipeline of skilled workers and encourage job growth with this fund.”



The UA 400 Training Center supports apprenticeship and advanced career training for members in the pipefitting, fabrication, plumbing and HVACR industries in 18 counties throughout Northeast Wisconsin. The training center offers a curriculum supported by a wide variety of training materials and UA certified instructors free of charge to their members.

For information on [UA 400 apprenticeships](#), contact Scott Wenger, training coordinator at (920) 462-0407 or [scott@ua400.org](mailto:scott@ua400.org).

#### **About UA 400 Pipe Trades**

The UA 400 Pipe Trades, headquartered in Kaukauna, Wisconsin with an office in Fond du Lac, is comprised of approximately 2300 members serving eighteen counties in Northeast Wisconsin. The organization is affiliated with the United Association of Plumber and Pipefitters with an estimated 345,000 membership throughout the United States and Canada. The group's mission is to be the preferred choice for industries, employers and workers specializing in plumbing, pipefitting, HVACR service and pipe fabrication as well as training for its members and qualified manpower to their 105 signatory contractors. The group's membership serves eighteen counties in Northeast Wisconsin including Adams, Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menomonee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Sheboygan, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago. The UA 400 takes pride in their partnerships and contributions to serve local communities with organizations such as Cerebral Palsy Telethon, Special Olympics, Rebuilding Together, Heat's On Program, Harbor House and Salvation Army. To keep up with the latest news and to learn more about UA 400, visit <http://www.ua400.org> follow us on Facebook and YouTube.

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