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OCVTS Program: New Home Construction, Waretown Center – Christopher Sullivan, Instructor

Student: Joseph Phillips (left)

Employer: Frankoski Construction, Ortley Beach – Anthony Frankoski, Owner

Website: [frankoski.com](http://www.frankoski.com)

The New Home Construction Program is one of the OCVTS newer programs for post-secondary students. OCVTS has partnered with the Northern OC Habitat for Humanity. Their collaborative efforts have resulted in the construction of a new home which was donated in June to an Ocean County family selected by the Northern OC Habitat for Humanity. Chris Sullivan, Instructor of the program, is proud of his students and the exceptional job they did completing the new home. This ten month construction trades program at the Waretown Center provided the students with extensive hands-on experience in all phases of construction. More importantly, Chris is elated that all of the students who completed the program have secured gainful employment in the construction industry.

Our Job Services Department invited Michael A. Forcella, Director of Recovery NJ Talent Network (pictured right), to speak to the New Home Construction class about job opportunities in the area. Michael shared some local (and not so local) job opportunities in the construction industry. He offered helpful hints to the students and also arranged interviews with Frankoski Construction, with great results. Joe Phillips was hired. “It’s a pleasure working together with the OCVTS’ Job Services Department and Frankoski Construction. I was delighted to assist in the placement of Joe as a Carpenter Technician.” This is networking at its best.

“As the Jersey Shore continues its rebuilding process, our firm, Frankoski Construction, has played an integral part in assisting all of our friends and neighbors along the way. As our business continues to grow and flourish, we find ourselves in a position to expand our work force. Looking to bring in some of the best young talent available in the area, we reached out to our long time friend and neighbor, Michael Forcella, for assistance. Being the consummate professional, Mike quickly forwarded us resumes of some of the finest graduates of the OCTVS New Home Construction Program. Joe Phillips, one of those graduates, has been a valued employee for some time now. He is a shining example of how fortunate we are to have the OCVTS program providing such high quality individuals to our work force. Joe is truly an asset to Frankoski Construction as well as the OCVTS program, “stated John Stock,

Director of Operations at Frankoski Constuction

When asked to comment about his student, Chris Sullivan said, “Joe Phillips completed the program in June. He really wanted to learn the trade. He was a good student with a solid work ethic and a desire to produce quality work. Joe’s skill level grew and he became a key member of our construction crew.” Chris Sullivan was happy to hear the good news that Joe was hired by Frankoski Construction. Joe is pleased that being disciplined, dedicated, and displaying an eagerness to learn has given him the opportunity to begin his career in the construction industry with a great company.

Excitement is high because construction has begun on yet another Habitat for Humanity home!

