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South Shore Chamber, Inc. and A&D Property Services Honor Young Men

Working to Better Their Lives and Their Community

Local Businesses, Community Organizations and Chamber of Commerce

Work Together in Violence Prevention Initiative

CHICAGO (October 15, 2012) –A&D Property Services will honor six young men for their participation in South Shore Chamber, Inc.'s Violence Prevention Initiative on Oct. 18th at 3:00 p.m. A reception will be held at A&D Property Services' training facility, located at 7326 S. Exchange Ave. The young men have been hired fulltime by A&D Property Services as a result of their hard work.

The Violence Prevention Initiative was implemented during the summer and was created to curb violence in the South Shore community by providing personal and professional development to young adults as an alternative to the corners of 79th and 71st Streets.

Through a collaboration of the Black United Fund of Illinois, A&D Property Services, Inc., Illinois Department of Human Services and the South Shore Chamber, Inc. summer positions were given to participants of the initiative to work at A&D Property Services, Inc. for 30 hours per week for six weeks.

In addition, these participants engaged in life coaching sessions, where dialogue took place around the
topics of developing successful habits in the work place, finances 101, taking responsibility for your
actions, fatherhood and building self-esteem.

WHAT:

. Photo Op: Participants with Elected Officials and Community Leaders
. Elected Officials, Community Leaders and Participants Available for Interviews

WHEN:

October 18, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

WHERE:

7326 S. Exchange Ave. Chicago, IL

WHO:

. Illinois State Senator Kwame Raoul, 13th District
. Alderman Sandi Jackson, 7th Ward
. Bobbi Ball, Executive Director of Partners In Community Building
. Mark Buford, Vice President of Business Development and Strategic Alliances with A&D Property Services, Inc
. Henry L. English, founder, president and CEO of the Black United Fund of Illinois, Inc.
. Nedrick Miller, owner of Midwest Property Preservation Inc.
. Teyonda Wertz, Executive Director of South Shore Chamber, Inc.

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