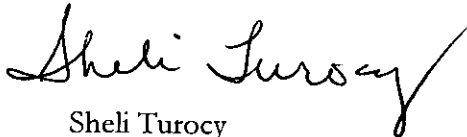


# TSONGAS INDUSTRIAL HISTORY CENTER

IBEW  
Local 104  
130 West Street  
Walpole, MA 02081

Recently students from the Boston Collegiate Charter School visited the Tsongas Industrial History Center to participate in the "Workers on the Line" workshop to learn about labor history. These students worked on an assembly line and actually went through speed ups, stretch-outs, layoffs and pay cuts. They realized that alone they had no voice but by working together they were empowered to improve working conditions and make changes. They were able to visit because of the funding made possible through your local union. These students were very appreciative of this sponsorship. I am forwarding the letters they wrote to thank you for your generosity.

Your commitment to educating youth about labor issues has enabled these students to expand their understanding of labor history through hands-on activities and tours here at Tsongas Industrial History Center at the Lowell National Historical Park.  
Thank you.

  
Sheli Turocy

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To the members of the IBEW,

I would like to thank you for providing the workshop for us. I learned a lot about working in the assembly line, about how one person had to do two jobs if someone got fired. It was a really fun experience. Thank you for your generosity

Sincerely,

Jake Mitchell

To the members of IBEW,

Thank you IBEW for supporting the workers on the line program. Your generosity really helped Lowell Tsongas industrial center. We enjoy every part of our fun field trip.



Workers on the line was very exciting and you made it possible. Thanks for supporting workers on the line, and Lowell Tsongas industrial center. Thank you so much!

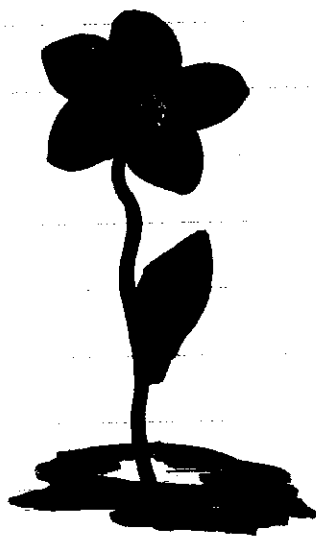
Thanks,  
Morgan Pimentel



To the members of IBEW

Thank you for your generosity of sponsoring our field trip to Lowell. We had so much fun pretending we were factory workers and learning more about the Industrial Revolution. We had a lot of fun at workers on the line.

Thanks,  
William Ferguson



June 12, 2009

To the members of IBEW.

Thank you so much for sponsoring our 6th grade.  
We had lots of fun. The workers on the line was very  
cool. I can't imagine working like that for fourteen hours.  
Thank you for your generosity.

From: Nick Bellizzi

I thank  
you

5/12/09

to the members of IBEW,

Thank you so much for funding our workers in the Line program. I learned how workers in the factory worked, how much wages they earned, and the kinds of ways they got new workers. I had very much fun pretending to work as a factory worker. It was a great experience and a challenge. Thank you again for the fun and wonderful time.

Thanks again  
Marcus Lima

June 12, 2009

To the members of the IBEW,

Thank you so much for founding our Workers on the line program at Lowell. I learned a lot about how the workers in the factory were treated, and what they got for wages. I also learned how hard it was when they sped up the machines. I also learned how much things cost when you didn't have much money. It was a great challenge and experience. Thanks again for the wonderful time I had at Lowell.

Thanks again,  
Kevin Jaria

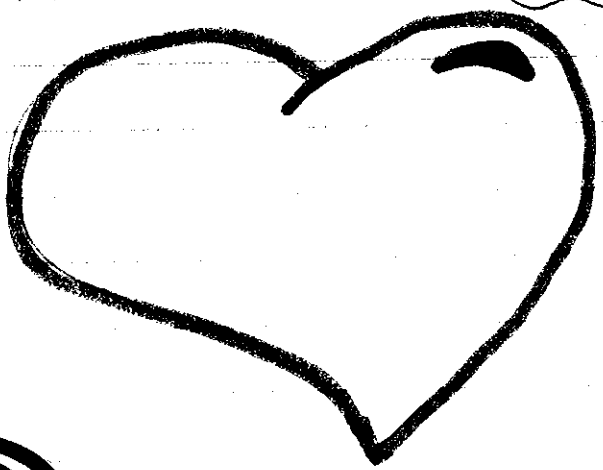
To: The members of IBEW

I would like to kindly thank you for providing our workshop. We enjoyed it. I was surprised at the difficulty of working at an unwanted speed. Also, I realized what it was like to be forced to work and not have enough money to even afford a decent meal without a job. So for people like Lyddie it was great to have a boarding house. Without the workshop I wouldn't know how they felt back then.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Nicole Correia



To the members of IBEW,

I really enjoyed the field trip to Lowell. So thank you for paying and providing the workshop for my class and I. I learned a lot like what factory life was like and some of the injuries and diseases they would get for working in bad conditions. I would have to say the trip to Lowell was probably one of my favorite field trips. Thank you for the field trip.

Sincerely,

Nathan D.

9-12-09

To the member of the IBEW,

we thank you for your generosity of using your Unions money to help our Fifth grade to learn facts, and information. I had a great time. It was very interesting to learn about the factory boys and girls. You couldn't have been more helpful to learn the experience of the immigrants and farm boys and girls. Workers on the line was a great way to learn what was really going on. You are very creative to figure out a way to teach many what they went through. It was fascinating to learn so much. You and all your employees are so kind. And our teachers were glad you thought that of us. Thank again.

With special thanks  
Vanessa De-Mello

To The members of IBEW,

Thank you for your generosity to pay for workers on a line. Workers on a line was my favorite part of the field trip to Loyel. We learned about many things like how hard it was for the people working back then and what looms looked like. I had a lot of fun on the field trip.

Sincerely,  
Haley

9/12/09

To the IBEW,

Thank you so much! I had a lot of fun, and I learned a lot of new information. Thank for the donation for me to go to Lowell. That was one of the most fun field trips ever! Worker on the line was exciting. But the weaving room was so loud!

Thank you,  
Allison Logue

To the members of IBEW,  
Thank you very much for paying for  
our field trip. I liked when we had to be  
workers on the line with the stamps.

It was generous for you to pay  
for our field trip. Everyone enjoyed it.

Because of what you did, we all  
know about Lowell and the industrial revolution.

With many thanks,

Jaco A.

To The Members Of Ibew

Thank You for telling

us More about the old time bays

of Lowell. I want to thank you very

Much for your effort.

Thanks

Dadrielle Dewar





To: The members of the IBew!

I thank you for your generosity for paying for our workers on the Line program at Lowell. It was fun to work but hard. I liked the program because it showed that the work they did was nothing compared to what do at home. So thank you for the best field trip ever.

Sincerely,

Trent Rodrigues.

To the members of IBEW,

We would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity. The field trip you have provided for us was very enjoyable and informative. We learned many unknown facts about the Industrial Revolution. We also thank you for providing us a workshop. Our workshop was called "Workers on the Line". We stamped flowers on pretend cloth which was paper. It was a wonderful experience. I would like to visit Lowell again in the summer to take a full tour of the museum.

With special thanks,

Mjann DaCosta

6/12/09

To the members of the IBEW,

Thank you for the generosity of paying for the workers on the Lingo workshop at Lowell. I learned a lot about how life was in the factories. The program taught me that hard it was to earn money to pay for housing. I learned that some workers barely earned enough money to eat.

Thanks again.

Jacob.