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**Lena Park's Training, Education and Job Advancement Center (TEDJAC) to Hold Graduation for Construction & Property Management Course**

**Dorchester, Massachusetts** (May 24, 2007) – Lena Park, a premier provider of educational and human services will be holding a graduation ceremony for this year's Training, Education and Job Advancement Center's (TEDJAC) Construction & Property Management course participants on Thursday, May 24 at 4:00 pm at Lena Park, 150 American Legion Highway, Dorchester, MA.

Graduates vary in age from 21-66 and for most this is their first graduation. The TEDJAC program prepares the adults enrolled for jobs in high-demand and high-quality employment sectors within growing fields that have an unmet demand for qualified workers. Relationships are built between Lena Park, employers and skills training providers to tailor the program to the specific needs of the field. In addition, an individual development plan is created for each training participant to guide them in the successful completion of the course as well as for support in other areas of their lives such as childcare, literacy, life coaching, and long-term follow-up.

Over the past year 23 graduates have benefited from the TEDJAC program offered by Lena Park. "The program administrators proved their dedication to my success and well being by making themselves available to me at every step of the program," said recent graduate and current TEDJAC volunteer, Thiers St. Louis. "After completing the course, I continued to receive assistance from TEDJAC in my job search and am proud to say that today I am able to afford my own home."

"For many of our graduates, the TEDJAC program is a unique opportunity for a more consistent and rewarding career that will benefit both the individual participants and their families," said E. Lorraine Baugh, President and CEO of Lena Park. "Many of our students have not been given the chance whether due to monetary constraints or lack of a quality education to attend a two or four year college. TEDJAC enables them to develop the training and skills necessary for higher paying jobs thus, enabling the graduates to build more satisfying lives."

For additional information on the TEDJAC program and Lena Park please visit [www.lenapark.org](http://www.lenapark.org).

**About Lena Park**

*Lena Park is a strong, trusted community leader built on a 35 year legacy and committed to sparking an independent, healthy community. We support children and families in Dorchester, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Roslindale and Roxbury in every aspect of life, from jobs and education to housing and fitness.*

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