# Bringing opportunity back

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▲ Workers at the 38th & Sheridan Project job site in late July. The pace of construction is rapidly increasing thanks to a spell of dryer weather. All of the subcontractors are still hiring. For more information about jobs, see the story below and check out pages 6-7.

### Turning "uncomfortable" into opportunity

Price Construction Group still hiring as they work on their biggest concrete job to date.

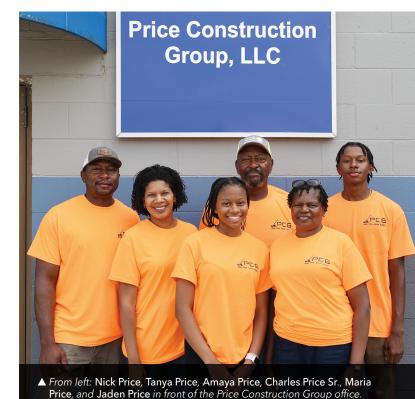
Located in the back of the Price Construction Group's (PCG) headquarters on Indy's northeast side is a giant open room that serves as both a workshop and storage area. Entering it through a door in their conference room, you emerge into a bright, open, airy space that smells of freshly cut lumber. To your left are shelves loaded with tools and supplies. Directly in front of you is a large flatbed trailer that is doubling as a workbench for the construction of wooden forms used in pouring concrete (and the source of the room's freshly cut lumber smell—as well as several small piles of sawdust).

Thus far, there's nothing you wouldn't expect to see in a setting like this.

Look to your right, though, and something instantly catches your eye. Partly hidden under a variety of odds and ends is the shell of a 1959 Chevy Apache Project Truck. The interior is bare, no seats, no motor. The body is stripped of paint and ready to be primed.

I ask **Nick Price**, the founder and owner (along with his wife **Tanya**) of PCG, about it. Nick, who went to **Purdue** hoping to design cars, tells us about his plans for the Chevy, before finally admitting that it's been a long while since he's had any time to devote to his hobby.

That's because Price Construction, which they started in 2014 after Nick was laid off by another construction company, is busier than ever as they tackle their biggest



job to date-doing all of the concrete work for the **Goodwill Commercial Services** manufacturing facility being built at the corner of **38th & Sheridan**. Once completed, the site will welcome employees to build devices for Bloomington-based **Cook Medical**.

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### **Turning "uncomfortable" into opportunity**

#### "Concrete in my blood"

A short recounting of Nick's history makes his career choice seem like a forgone conclusion.

In high school, he spent weekends and summers helping his dad, **Charles Price**, **Sr.**, do residential construction and remodeling work–drywall, framing, things like that. And even before that, as a small child, Nick would spend hours playing on the machinery owned by his late grandfather **John Thomas**, **Sr.**, the owner of **Thomas Construction**, which did commercial construction and

concrete work.



▲ A framed photograph of John Thomas Sr., Nick Price's grandfather and the founder of Thomas Construction, sits in the lobby area of Price Construction Group's office.

"I just really enjoyed being around the diesel fumes and the (concrete) forms and whatnot," Nick said. "As I got older and started to hang out with him and got to understand what he was doing, that's when I really, really gravitated toward construction and the ins and outs of it."

He headed to **Purdue** after graduating from **Broad Ripple High School**. When designing cars didn't pan out, Nick came home and took a job with a local general contractor (GC).

He spent the better part of the next two decades working for

GCs. Despite dreams of striking out on his own, his wife and kids took precedence.

"I had a pretty good career at it," Nick said. "I was secure in getting a check every week and raising a family."

Then he got laid off in the winter of 2013. He and Tanya decided to view it as an opportunity rather than a setback.

"That seemed to be the right time to do it," Tanya said. "It was almost like a sign. I don't think we would have done that had he not been laid off. He would have kept working for someone else. But once you are made uncomfortable, you do what you have to do."



#### **Price Construction Group, LLC**

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So, the Price family went all in—Nick handling the construction side and Tanya taking on all the paperwork that comes with running your own business. While her background was in newspaper design (she'd earned a design degree from **Ball State** and spent over a dozen years at the *Indianapolis Star* doing layout), Tanya has actually enjoyed doing paperwork for as long as she can remember.

At first, Nick was taking every job he was offered, starting with billboard construction, which meant driving through fields with 4x4s and plywood. That job, like many of his earlier ones, came from former GCs he'd worked with. His reputation helped keep PCG afloat during their first couple of years.

"As we all know, it's a small world," Nick said. "But if you tend to do good quality work—and ultimately, man, just tell people the truth—they may not be happy with your answer, but, you know, they will deal with it."

Not surprisingly, another huge factor in helping PCG get on its feet, was the support Nick and Tanya received from the rest of their family. His parents, brother, and uncles formed the nucleus of his work crew. Not only are they a dependable bunch, his family was also sympathetic to the cash flows issues that can plague new companies.

"I couldn't have made it without my family," Nick said.
"Early on, if I couldn't make payroll, they could work with
me and hold off until I got paid for a job."

As he learned more about the ins and out of running his own company, he sensed that the key to long-term success was to find a niche.

"Then you can construct and develop talent and become good at one thing instead of trying to do a hundred different things," Nick said.

So, the decision was made to go back to his family's roots and follow in his grandfather's footsteps.

"We gravitated toward concrete," Nick said. "I guess I have concrete in my blood."









▲ Nick Price's uncle Mark Thomas, works on a concrete form at the 38th & Sheridan Project worksite.



▲ Members of the Price family leave the 38th & Sheridan Project worksite to head back to the Price Construction Group, LLC office.

#### "A huge opportunity"

For PCG's first forays into concrete they had to buy supplies at Lowe's to build the forms and rent equipment to do the pours. Their first concrete job was for Harmon Construction, which is also the GC for the 38th & Sheridan Project—which, as mentioned earlier, is PCG's biggest job to date.

It was not a forgone conclusion that he was going to even submit a bid for the 38th & Sheridan job. He was initially taken back by the size of the project. But knowing Harmon was bidding on the GC role made the decision to do so a little easier. Then, early on in the bid process, it still hadn't been decided if all the concrete work would be done by one company or if multiple companies would be brought in.

"Then, all of a sudden, they said, 'Here, we are going to give this all to you,'" Nick said. "But Harmon Construction has helped mentor me. They have helped me in all kinds of ways to ensure that I am successful on this job. Their ownership has called me directly numerous times to make sure that we have everything we need."

Well, almost everything they need. Like most businesses in the United States (including the contractors and subcontractors at the 38th & Sheridan Project site), PCG is struggling to find enough workers to fill out their crew. Nick said that ideally, they would like to add an additional 7-8 employees.

(If you are interested in applying for a job with Price Construction Group, check on the information box on the page 2. If you are interested in seeing the other jobs available at the 38th & Sheridan Project—there are quite a few openings remaining—turn to pages 6-7.)

Still, Nick has no doubt he can get the job done with the

team they have and that the experience will make them a stronger company going forward.

"For what we don't have in capital and equipment and stuff like that, I think we have in heart and if we have to work long hours, we'll do whatever it takes to get the job done," he said. "It's a huge opportunity. It just opens

our eyes to doing big jobs, so we can do another big job both operationally and financially."

#### "It's going to be amazing"

While PCG's primary focus is concrete work, they still take on other types of construction work. They have also started offering janitorial services.

Their current staff (including the family members mentioned earlier) is 21 on the construction side and about a dozen on the janitorial side.

"Most of our staff, we consider them our 'family'



▲ Rodney Thomas Sr., right, uncle of Nick Price, left, is his lead superintendent for PCG on the 38th & Sheridan Project worksite. "This job wouldn't have been possible without him," Nick said. Another uncle, Sylvester Thomas, is running a PCG job at another site.

too," Tanya said. "They've been here for three years or more. They're always dependable. They could work anywhere they want to because they are union laborers, but they have stuck it out with us."

Speaking of family, all six of their kids are also helping out with the family business. Five-year-old **Sydney** 

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### **Turning "uncomfortable"** into opportunity

(aka "the littlest boss lady") will help her mother stamp paperwork. Kendall (10) and Cameron (13) both do chores around the office. Amaya (16) helps print the company t-shirts, works around the office, and pitches in on the janitorial crew. Oldest son Jaden (18), who graduated high school in the spring, is working full-time on the job site. But his transition from school to the workforce wasn't totally smooth.

"He had one little snafu where he was getting up late," Nick said. "I said, 'Hey, man, you have to be there at a certain time.' After that, he's been like clockwork, getting up on his own at 6-6:30, getting here and getting things going."

"He's definitely taken on more of a leadership role out there," Tanya added. "Everyone calls him 'little boss man.'"

Their oldest daughter, Nakia (21), is the least involved of all their kids in the family business right now, but she has a valid excuse-she's finishing up her pre-med degree at Purdue. So, when she does become a doctor, Nakia could end up using devices manufactured in the facility her family helped build.

These days, it's not uncommon on family outings for Nick to choose routes around town that just happen to take them past job sites he or the family have worked on.

"Everywhere we go, we can look and see how much growth we've had a part in," Tanya said. "Probably two weeks ago we went to the library job he did just to check it out. It was like, 'Wow, we did this, and everyone is enjoying it."

But the 38th & Sheridan Project is definitely different for Nick and Tanya, who both have long ties to that neighborhood. His grandfather's construction office was only a couple of miles from there. And there used to be a union hall across the street from the job site, where Nick signed up to officially began his construction career. Tanya grew up nearby on 16th Street and remembers many shopping trips to the now closed Value City that sits next to the worksite. Even their current office is only about five miles from 38th & Sheridan. Nick and Tanya can remember when the area was a thriving community and feel blessed to be part of this effort.

They are already thinking about the day when they can drive with their family past the completed medical device facility that helped spark a neighborhood's return to its former glory.

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"It's going to be amazing," Nick said.

# Fighting food insecurity

Local programs helping ensure Indianapolis residents have enough to eat

Several organizations in Marion County are running Oprograms to assist people who are facing a food shortage. For more information about a couple of those programs, see the information below and on the following page.



# MOBILE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER

We are in need of assistance during our weekly mobile food pantry. You may volunteer one event or the entire season.

Multiple volunteer positions are available. We can never have too much help!

Wednesdays 1:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

> **Get started** today by contacting Jami Weirich at 317.549.9622 or weirich@indymca.org











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  Healthy living activities hosted by Marion Co. Public Health Department at some locations.

#### **Mobile Serving Sites**

#### Mobile Unit 1:

11:30A-12:00P Wes Montgomery Park- 3400 N Hawthorne Ave. 12:30P-1:00P Motor 8- 3731 Shadeland Ave. 3:30P-4:00P Grassy Creek Park- 10510 E. 30th St. 4:30P-5:00P Greene Park- 1700 N Franklin Rd. \*

#### Mobile Unit 2:

11:00A-11:30A Thompson Village Apartments- 139 Thompson Way 12:00P-12:30P Laurelwood Apartments- 3340 Teakwood Dr. 3:00P-3:30P Bethel Park- 2850 Bethel Ave. 4:00P-4:30P Rowney Terrace Apartments- 1353 S Riley Ave.

#### Mobile Unit 3:

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#### Mobile Unit 6:

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\*Location with Marion County Health Department Activities

Times are subject to change. Please call Indy Parks Customer Service Center for more information at: 317-327-PARK, or go online at parks.indy.gov.









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#### **Summer Meal Service**

**Presented by Indy Parks and Recreation** with support from Verizon

- Open to all children 18 and under!
- Available Monday-Friday
- (\*Monday Thursday) (\*\*Monday, Wednesday, Friday)
- No registration necessary and completely free!

#### **Meal Serving Sites**

**Broad Ripple Park** 12:00P-12:30P 1610 Broad Ripple Ave.

**Garfield Park** 12:30P-1:00P 2345 Pagoda Dr. **Thatcher Park** 11:00A-12:00P & 4:00P-5:00P 4649 W. Vermont St.

**Christian Park** 12:00P-2:00P 4200 E English Ave. Krannert Park 12:00P-1:00P 605 S High School Rd. 3130 E 30th St.

Washington Park\* 4-00P-5-30P

Ellenberger Park 12:00P-1:00P 5301 E Saint Clair St.

12:00P-12:45P

1616 E 25th St.

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- · ¡Abierto a todos los niños menores de 18 años! · ¡Disponible lunes-viernes!
- No es necesario registrarse, jy completamente GRATIS!
  Actividades de vida saludable organizadas por el Departamento de Salud de Marion Co. en

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# Who's hiring?

A closer look at the companies hiring construction and manufacturing employees for the 38th and Sheridan Project.

he general contractor, Harmon Construction, and all of the subcontractors are currently hiring diverse talent for construction jobs for the 38th and Sheridan Project. Goodwill Commercial Services is also hiring manufacturing employees to work in the facility once it is completed. Residents from 38th and Sheridan area are strongly encouraged to apply!

If you see a job you are interested in, you can reach out directly to that company, visit www.38thandSheridan.com, or you can contact Akilah Darden from the Darden Group LLC at jobs@38thandSheridan.com or 317.385.8954.

### Construction jobs and training available





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#### **Fox Contracting**

**Hiring Equipment Operators** & Laborers

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(S.M.A.R.T.=Sheet Metal Air Rail Transportation)

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#### **Apogee Construction**

Hiring Local 19 Roofers & Waterproofers Apprenticeship Program Available

www.indyroofers.com 317.484.8990



#### **PCI Performance Contracting**

Hiring Indianapolis Insulators **Local 18 Apprenticeship Program** Available

> insulators18.org 317.786.3216



Hiring Fork Lift Drivers, Yardman, Welders, & Drivers

> Contact: Tony Prachith tprachith@hgmetals.com 704.915.8817



#### Indiana Laborers' **Training Institute**

Local 120-Laborers' Union **Apprenticeship Program** IndyRoofers.com

317.484.8990









# Construction jobs and training available (continued)



#### **Sexson Mechanical**

Hiring Plumbers, Steamfitters, & HVACR Service Technician

Apprenticeship Program–Local 440 (ualocal 440.org)

Contact: Corey Stein cstein@sexsonmechanical.com 317.989.5486



#### **Ironworkers Local 22**

Hiring Ironworks Apprenticeship Program Union Membership & Pension Program

(Will work onsite with HG Metals and Harmon Steel fabricating/erecting on the project)

> Ironworkers22.com 5600 Dividend Road, Indianapolis



#### **Multicraft Fire Protection**

Hiring Union 669–Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship Program Available

bfunk@multicraftdec.com 812.336.5005

### **Manufacturing jobs**



COMMERCIAL SERVICES

### Goodwill Commercial Services

Hiring 100 jobs in manufacturing goodwillindy.org/careers

### **Community Development**



# United Northeast Community Development Corporation

**Localized Support Programming** 

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# How are we doing?

ne of the goals of the 38th and Sheridan Project is to engage 100% local and minority owned contractors to build the facilities. In an effort to ensure accountability to that goal, we will provide updates in every issue of this newsletter.

#### **Project Diversity Facts**

In July:

- Averaging 53% diverse workforce on the job site.
- Peaked at 57% diverse workforce on the job site, with an all-diverse concrete crew pouring the first foundation slab.
- Hiring Hoosiers segment on WRTV provided us with over 80 construction job inquiries.
- ▶ 6 diverse new hires.

These statistics were compiled by **Akilah Darden**, president of **The Darden Group LLC**. She added that the numbers for May are going up significantly.

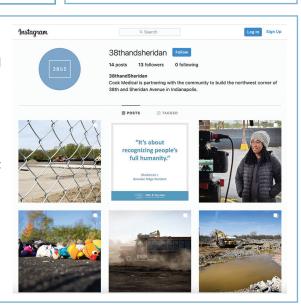
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# Learn more about the 38th and Sheridan Project-including job openings

There are a few different ways to do so.

Visit **www.38thandsheridan.com** (see graphic to the right)

Or

- ▶ Contact Akliah Darden from the Darden Group LLC by email at jobs@38thandSheridan.com or by phone at 317.385.8954
- ► Contact Mr. James Campbell from the SHANE NHA by email at Campbellmc1140@gmail.com or by phone at 317.223.5109

All subcontractors are currently hiring diverse talent.

Over 75 percent of the positions are still open.

Residents from 38th and Sheridan area are strongly encouraged to apply! 38TH STREET AND SHERIDAN AVENUE

Apply for a job

### Making medical devices



Interested in applying for a job? See below!

#### Construction jobs

To apply for construction jobs, visit:

38thandSheridan.com

Select the "Construction Job Seekers" button at the bottom of the page to see current listings.

Complete the simple online form to see what construction job opportunities are available and get connected to a wide range of local sub-contractors.

Employees have access to comprehensive benefits programs and options for pension with the union contractors.



#### Medical device manufacturing jobs

To apply for jobs in manufacturing, visit:

38thandSheridan.com

Select the "Manufacturing Job Seekers" button at the bottom of the page to see current listings.

No degree or credential requirements are needed to apply.

Full-time employees have access to a comprehensive benefits program that includes:

- Health, life, dental, and vision insurance
- Paid time off (PTO)
- Continuing education and leadership development

#### Questions?

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### We want to hear from you!

We want to hear your feedback about this project! Please send your questions, concerns, or thoughts to **community@cookmedical.com**.







