

Dawn Voce

Operating Engineers Local 150

William Charles Construction Co.



Dawn Voce has worked in construction for more than 20 years. As a woman who speaks from the heart, Dawn can tell you about her desire to make a difference in the world through her work. For years, she has focused on the front end of construction projects, operating compactors and packing dirt to ensure it was suitable to build upon. Her work has laid the foundation for countless projects to continue safely on course.

The satisfaction Dawn has gained from being a vital link in a well-oiled construction project has only been matched by the joy she receives from the public benefits of her work.

But, the last few years have been tough on the single mother of two children. As the economy struggled to stay on course, so did opportunities for construction work. And, less work on the roadways meant that Dawn had to

scramble to find other jobs to pay the bills. It wasn't easy. That all changed, though, with *Move Illinois*.

As ground was broken on the new Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90)/Illinois Route 47 Interchange in the summer of 2012, Dawn laced up her boots and got to work on her first project of the year. While she was excited for the opportunity to be working again, and joining the team performing mass dirt work on the project, Dawn also expressed appreciation for the overall positive impact the project has sparked in the Village of Huntley and surrounding region.

Dawn also credits *Move Illinois* for spurring much-needed jobs for her partners out in the field. If sharing her comeback story can help tell the real success of *Move Illinois*, she's all for it.

"It gives me a great feeling inside to be a part of a project that has brought so many people together. We all share a common goal of wanting to make things better in people's lives. Thanks to Move Illinois, I have an opportunity to participate in something larger than myself while doing work that I love."



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