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Team Clean Partners with Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation to Enable Over 100 Welfare-to-Work Successes

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – April 9, 2008 – Team Clean, a leading provider of janitorial services in the Philadelphia region, has partnered with the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation (PWDC) over the past two years to bring over 100 new employees to the workforce out of the welfare system.

According to Ernest E. Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer of PWDC, “Philadelphia has approximately 50 percent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s welfare population. The challenge is getting those people to become self-sufficient and off welfare, and the best way to do that is to find them jobs with a living wage.”

Established 20 years ago, PWDC is the region’s premier workforce development resource. One of those resources, which Team Clean utilizes, is the U.S. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF), a block grant program to help move recipients into work and turn welfare into a program of temporary assistance.

“Donna Allie and her company, Team Clean, has been a tremendous asset to Philadelphia, bringing over 100 new workers into the workforce in the past year,” said Jones. “Donna has probably done more for the PWDC than any other employer in the region, or in the commonwealth. Our clients find jobs, and she has people to work for her business. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

"It has been a truly rewarding experience for me to watch the changes in each individual, and see how they grow," said Barbara Williams, Director of Human Resources for Team Clean. "It excites me to see that change in each person as they become gainfully employed and have the opportunity to provide for their family. Some of the employees we have hired have grown with the company, come through the workforce into supervisory or a management role, which is especially gratifying."

“As someone who was a single parent on welfare determined to find a way to support myself and my child, I have been where these people find themselves,” said Allie, the President and Founder of Team Clean. “We are very involved in educating, training and helping people who want to get off welfare and get a job, and our people work very hard to better themselves. We have a very diverse team of workers, with a variety of backgrounds, and we feel it is vital to our community to keep bringing people into the workforce.”

Originally unable to find employment in her chosen field after college graduation, Allie was a single parent determined to find a way to support herself and her child. She had accompanied a friend on

a job cleaning a home, and realized that there was an excellent income potential in cleaning houses. She answered newspaper advertisements for “cleaning ladies,” and began cleaning homes throughout Philadelphia’s suburban Main Line.

Team Clean grew when Allie began to respond to those newspaper ads by hiring women herself and sending them off in pairs to clean homes, establishing the burgeoning company’s “team” approach to cleaning. She took her first commercial contract in 1985, and since then has grown the company to over 550 employees and over \$16 million in sales.

The company she founded on a shoe-string now serves a variety of clients in government, education, industry, professional offices, sports and entertainment venues and events. Among the highlights of Team Clean’s growth are clients such as the 2000 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, the landmark National Constitution Center, and the home of the Philadelphia Phillies, Citizens Bank Park.

Additional information on PWDC is available at <http://www.pwdc.org>.

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