

Plano Offers Job Shadow Day in July for Douglass Community Center

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On July 1, 2008 the City of Plano Workplace CARES (*City Advocates Recruiting Employees Into Service*) Program hosted a special Job Shadow Day for participants at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H. Twelve participants, ages 14 to 17, shadowed employees to learn about careers in City government.

Employees who were shadowed were Tomeji Miller (*Health Department*), Tony Han (*Building Inspections*), Cynthia O'Banner (*Property Standards*), Delores Murray (*Human Resources*), Corina Rodriguez (*Volunteer Resources Group*), Floyd Jones (*Fire Department*), Shanetta Brown (*Planning Department*), Salena Lewis (*Geographical Information Systems*), Coffy Reece (*Parks and Recreation Department*).

City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck facilitated the day's activities. The goal of the Job Shadow program is to help participants see available career opportunities, to inform them about education and skills required, and to encourage and motivate the participants.

The City normally offers Job Shadow days in February in conjunction with Groundhog Day, playing off the holiday with "shadowing" opportunities. This year, students from Fairhill School and Williams High School were involved in the February shadowing event.

Job Shadow Day is a national effort to encourage young people to explore the connection between learning and working and encompasses many fields of work, including government.

Job Shadow Day is promoted through the City's Volunteer Resources Group, an ongoing program that allows City of Plano employees to reach out to the community through volunteerism and partnership.

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