

## Local Painters Union Repaints YMCA's Germantown Neighborhood Center

In the holiday spirit, members of Painters Union District Council 35 donated their time, supplies, and skills to repaint the South Shore YMCA's Germantown Neighborhood Center, a key community center and food pantry for Quincy residents. Union members painted the first-floor entryway, common areas, meeting rooms, and the food pantry space to revitalize the community center just in time for the holiday season.

"The South Shore YMCA's Germantown Neighborhood Center exists

for our community members to gather, learn, and connect with each other," said Jeff Sullivan, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of IUPAT DC 35. "We're proud to give back to the community by donating our time to make the center more inviting."

The Painters Union volunteered at the space between Dec. 9th through Dec. 13th, making it the second time the union has helped to transform the area. In 2009, the union painted the Center's bottom floor recreation area, music area, and com-

munity space.

"The Center isn't just a place for our community members to visit - for many, it's an essential resource, especially around this time of year," said Claire Brennan, South Shore YMCA Germantown Neighborhood Center Associate Executive Director. "Many rely on our food pantry, afterschool programs, and advocacy programs year-round. By repainting our space, the Painters Union is helping keep this center the vibrant, welcoming place it needs to be."

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.  
*This is to have succeeded.*



SOUTH SHORE YMCA Germantown Neighborhood Center Associate Executive Director Claire Brennan and District Council 35 members Tarryn Ingram, Scott Marston, and James Keenan pose with the newly refurbished center. Photo Courtesy Vishakha Mathur

