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GEORGE MEANY AWARD CELEBRATES JAMES ALLEN, RAISES \$50,000 FOR LOCAL SCOUTING

CHICAGO – On Monday, December 4, the The Chicago Federation of Labor and the Boy Scouts of America honored James Allen with the 2017 AFL-CIO George Meany Award. James Allen was recognized for his dedication to the working families in our union trades and his service to his community. The dinner raised \$50,000 for local Scouting programs.

The George Meany Award is a national recognition approved by the AFL-CIO Executive Council. It is presented to an adult union member who has made a significant contribution to their community through Scouting.

James Allen, president of the Administrative District Council, is a third-generation bricklayer who served his apprenticeship as both a bricklayer and a certified welder working in the residential and commercial markets in the Chicagoland area. He has held many position in the Local 21, and in his current position President Allen has the responsibility of overseeing the day-to-day operations of the ADC.

The Pathway to Adventure Council and the Construction Trade Unions have a long history of teamwork. The Construction Trade Union Scouting Program, Union Merit Badge Program, and Union Exploring Units allow youth to get hands-on, real-world experience with the skilled trades. The donations raised tonight allow our Council to grow and expand these programs.

Pathway to Adventure Council provides the nation's foremost youth program for character development and values-based leadership training to more than 23,500 youth from kindergarten through high school in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. More than 8,000 adult volunteer leaders deliver Scouting's impactful programs to help young people be "Prepared. For Life." Programs include: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, co-ed Venturing, co-ed Sea Scouts, co-ed career Exploring, and co-ed STEM Scouts. To learn more, visit www.PathwayToAdventure.org.

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