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NJCCT helps open the re-invented Liberty Science Center



Two very different tools used to educate; hard hats worn by Union Carpenters and rolling educational carts (referred to as Carpenter Carts), designed and built by Union Carpenters and Contractors, each share a common purpose: to broaden minds and enlighten children and adults alike. The NJ Carpenter Contractor Trust (NJCCT) is pleased to announce its partnership with the Liberty Science

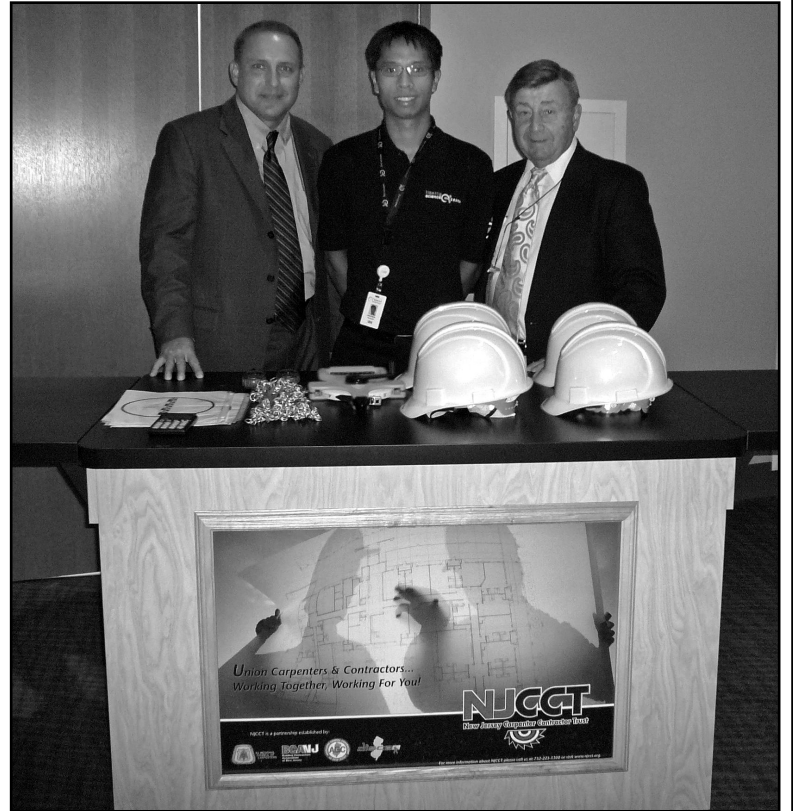
Center (LSC) as its doors re-opened July 19th after a dramatic year long re-invention.

Walking through the doors of the science center, one cannot help but be immediately drawn to Skyscraper! Achievement and Impact, the largest exhibit of its kind dedicated to the influence skyscrapers have on our lives. Contained within, is an exhibit showcasing the people who create these impressive structures. The "Safety Gear" exhibit features hard hats worn by Union Carpenters throughout their careers. With the push of a button, the construction experience comes full circle as each hat offers a glimpse into the moments that have defined individual construction careers. The pieces of the puzzle fall into place and it is clear that the impressive structures which dot our skyline exist wholly due to their talents and skill.

Steps away from the "Safety Gear" exhibit stands Andrew Prasarn, one of the museum's science educators. His excitement is focused not on the displays surrounding him but on the rolling education carts that can be seen throughout the museum. Serving as a mobile exhibit, the curriculum includes topics such as a surveying, water filtration and assisted technology. These carts will travel throughout the museum enlightening children and adults to different scientific and technical marvels. The Carpenter Carts, funded by NJCCT as part of the in-kind donation to the LSC, proudly display the union message and are designed to hold educational materials, props, computer equipment and safety gear.

As the Skyscraper exhibit represents a celebration of the construction industry, NJCCT and LSC are thrilled to kick off this exciting partnership. Phil Cooney, Director of the NJCCT had this to say regarding the partnership, "Due to the construction focus of the exhibits and the fact that Union Carpenters and Contractors built this facility, it was natural for our organization to get involved from a philanthropic perspective. As opportunities abound to reach a previously untapped audience, this partnership will serve an important role in the future." From bus trips to "Resident Scientists" answering questions and providing insight into the construction experience, to additional Union Carpenter programming, still in discussion, the possibilities are endless as this partnership begins!

— **Dannyelle L. Zywan, Program Coordinator,**
The New Jersey Carpenter Contractor Trust



Shown from left: Phillip Cooney (NJCCT), Andrew Prasarn (Liberty Science Center) and Lester Block (Somerset Wood Products) celebrate the NJCCT donation of the Carpenter Carts designed by Somerset Wood Products for The Liberty Science Center.



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