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### Community Housing Corporation graduates 32 from YouthBuild vocational training program

The Venice Community Housing Corporation graduated 32 young adults from its vocational training program, Venice YouthBuild, during a ceremony March 26th.

Twenty youths aged 16 to 24 received their high school diplomas at the ceremony, three received certificates for completing all of the required high school credits, and seven youths have completed the YouthBuild program but have additional coursework to complete in order to gain a diploma.

The youth development program sponsored by Venice Community Housing Corporation provides job training in construction and "green" industry skills, as well as academic opportunities to at-risk youths in the community. More than 250 youths have received the training over the past eight years.

Venice YouthBuild partners with the John Muir Charter School, which provides the academic components of the program on site at the housing corporation.

In addition to construction and "green" job training, YouthBuild offers education, leadership activities and case management for

at-risk youth, according to the corporation. As part of the program's construction job training, the youth assisted in constructing 30 new units of affordable housing through a partnership with Pacific Empire Builders and rehabilitated 12 units of Venice Community Housing Corporation's affordable housing.

Through the "green" job training, the youth assisted in

installing solar panels on one of the corporation's affordable housing buildings and sustainable landscaping at two of the agency's affordable housing buildings, a corporation spokesperson said.

For more than 22 years, the Venice Community Housing Corporation has been developing neighborhood-based solutions for low-income families and individuals.

Information, [www.vchcorp.org/](http://www.vchcorp.org/).

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