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### **AWT Foundation Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

**Mentor, OH (October 7, 2022)** – On Friday, October 7, 2022, The Alliance for Working Together (AWT) Foundation held its Manufacturing Day celebration with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new AWT Transformation Center.

The AWT Transformation Center will provide training and pathways for Northeast Ohio’s collective skilled manufacturing labor force and serve as a hub for workforce development for Northeast Ohio. The AWT Foundation has partnered with area manufacturing companies, and county, state, and federal legislators to provide training for skilled manufacturing jobs.

“The opening of AWT's Workforce Transformation Center recognizes years of hard work and planning by AWT, State, County, and Local officials. These efforts have culminated in one of the most state of the art facilities in Ohio for teaching the skills needed in modern manufacturing. This investment will ensure Lake County continues to be a hub of American manufacturing for generations to come.” State Representative Jamie Callender said.

The facility will provide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)-to-career programming for K-12 students, pre-apprenticeships for high school juniors and seniors, along with apprenticeships for those who are unemployed or incumbent workers.

State Senator Jerry Cirino said, “The AWT Workforce Transformation Center will serve our region as a resource for manufacturing training; upskilling our workforce through apprenticeships, and inspiring future innovators by engaging with students K-12.”

“We at Mentor Schools are excited that our Advanced Manufacturing program will be relocating to its new home in the heart of the sixth largest manufacturing hub in the state of Ohio located along Tyler Boulevard,” explained the Director of Business Partnerships and Career Technical Education Coordinator Joe Glavan.

The approximately 12,500 square foot training center and central hub for AWT Foundation operations is located at 8980 Tyler Blvd. and will be a place where manufacturers in Northeast Ohio will join to share ideas, best practices, and promote rewarding manufacturing careers.

The AWT Transformation Training Center construction is made possible by the generous donations of individuals, foundations, and companies\* as well as state and federal funding.

#### **About the AWT Foundation**

The Alliance for Working Together Foundation (AWT) is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to promoting rewarding careers in manufacturing. Based in Northeast Ohio, AWT and its members work toward the sustainability of manufacturing in our community by working together to introduce students (of all ages) to the manufacturing industry.

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