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## **City employees pair up with kids in a successful Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day mentoring event**

**(Philadelphia, April 22, 2010)** – Mayor Michael A. Nutter hosted dozens of youngsters at a career day kick-off event as part of the annual **Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day** at City Hall today.

The day of mentoring, an internationally organized effort, was coordinated locally by the City of Philadelphia. The students teamed up with City employees including Mayor Nutter and City Representative Melanie Johnson, the program's emcee. The employees represented various City departments and agencies.

City Representative Johnson praised the students for their interest in career development and participation in the event in which they shadowed their parents, relatives or other "adopted" public employees in the workplace for the day. Mayor Nutter declared April 22nd as "Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day in Philadelphia." The mayor also posed for photos with the youths and their City mentors.

For some of the youngsters, it was their introduction to the professional workplace. This year's internationally-adopted theme is "1 Youth, 1 Dream, 2Morrow's Leaders."

Mayor Nutter described the event as a day of inspiration and investment in the workforce of the future.

"Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day represents the very essence of mentoring and career orientation," Mayor Nutter said. "All you really need are caring adults who give their time and talent. Through this important career day and other youth partnerships, the City is heavily invested in developing many different mentoring models."

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City Representative Johnson told the students that it truly was a day of youth empowerment for many of the career-driven youngsters, who responded enthusiastically. She praised the adult mentors for their commitment to making a “meaningful and measureable difference in the lives of many impressionable youngsters.”

Johnson said that, as workplace mentors, City officials also had an opportunity to learn from the students by gaining insight first-hand about the skills and needs of our young leaders of tomorrow.

Following the kick-off ceremony, the students and City employees visited the various work environments --offices, courtrooms, firehouses, police stations and Warehouses-- to learn about the daily operations of public service.

Established in 1993, Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day is designed to provide enriching educational experiences for children, ages 8 to 18, through career days and other adult mentoring opportunities. Under the national direction of the Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Foundation, based in North Carolina, about 35 million youngsters and adults participate in more than 3 million workplaces in the United States annually.

Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day is one of the many youth-development projects in which the City participates in annually. Earlier this month, the mayor hosted a youth shadowing event, 2010 PAL Day at City Hall, for public officials and 25 students representing PAL centers citywide.

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