

# Patricia Robles

## Carpenters Local 80

*Lorig Construction Co.*



**T**hese days, you're not going to find Patricia Robles sitting behind a desk. Five years ago, the mother of three young children turned in her paperclips, shut off her computer and sought a new career that would allow her to enjoy the outdoors and give her greater satisfaction.

Patricia's brother had long been in the world of carpentry and it seemed like the perfect fit for a woman who was looking for a new opportunity. After receiving training through an apprentice program, Patricia has spent these last few years mastering the various aspects of carpentry. And, her hard work has paid off. She recently received her journeyman certificate and is now on board *Move Illinois*.

Patricia has been using her carpentry skills to perform bridge work on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange Project. With a crane operator's assistance, she also connects and secures pre-cast concrete panel walls in advance of additional bridge forming activities.

While Patricia literally has a hand in supporting the I-294/I-57 bridges, she credits *Move Illinois* for helping support her family.

It's not just about collecting a paycheck; Patricia feels proud of the work that she performs. When she hears her children telling their teachers about the cool work their mom is doing, she knows she chose the right career path.

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*"Move Illinois is about freedom. As a woman trying to take care of my children, I am thankful for the blessing I have been given through Move Illinois. Being able to make good money and provide a better life for my family has been a real gift."*

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