

Trade Perspectives

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HOW WE'RE SUPPORTING YOU DURING THIS UNPRECEDENTED TIME.

While Covid-19 measures are in place to keep our community members safe, WBF is continuing to work one-on-one with prospective students virtually to build readiness (academics, life skills, financial literacy, coaching, and career-pathing) and support application to our programs.

Over the next few months, we will be releasing a few video interviews to share inspiration and provide insight to a career in the trades, driving and operating industries. These videos will be shared through our social media channels and directly with individuals who connect to learn more about our programs.

We'll also be hosting a **math refresher course** in May for individuals interested in applying to a WBF program but may need to refresh their foundational math.

For more information about this course, please connect directly with Carla Lamarche, WBF Career Coach and Facilitator at clamarche@womenbuildingfutures.com



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT **GRAHAM**

WBF is honoured to be working with **Graham Construction** to create longterm career succes for our alumni, such as Gerda.



Gerda was born and raised in Venezuela, and in 2006 she moved to Alberta with her husband and children looking for a better future. After her kids grew up, she began to look for a job. Back in Venezuela, she was trained as a mechanical engineer.

The job hunt wasn't easy as she had been out of the workforce for over 10 years. Gerda found and began training with Women Building Futures in fall of 2017. "In those weeks, thanks to my instructors and classmates from WBF my confidence went up, I learned so much" says Gerda. "

I appreciate the support of WBF and their sponsors and partners for the opportunity I got, and for the many women who can realize their dreams, support their families, and enjoy their new lives."

In 2018, Gerda started as a pipefitter with BFI Constructors (Graham Workforce Partner) at Gilead Labs Expansion Project. A month later, she began supporting the pipefitter group and the quality department with document control, redlining and turnover process.

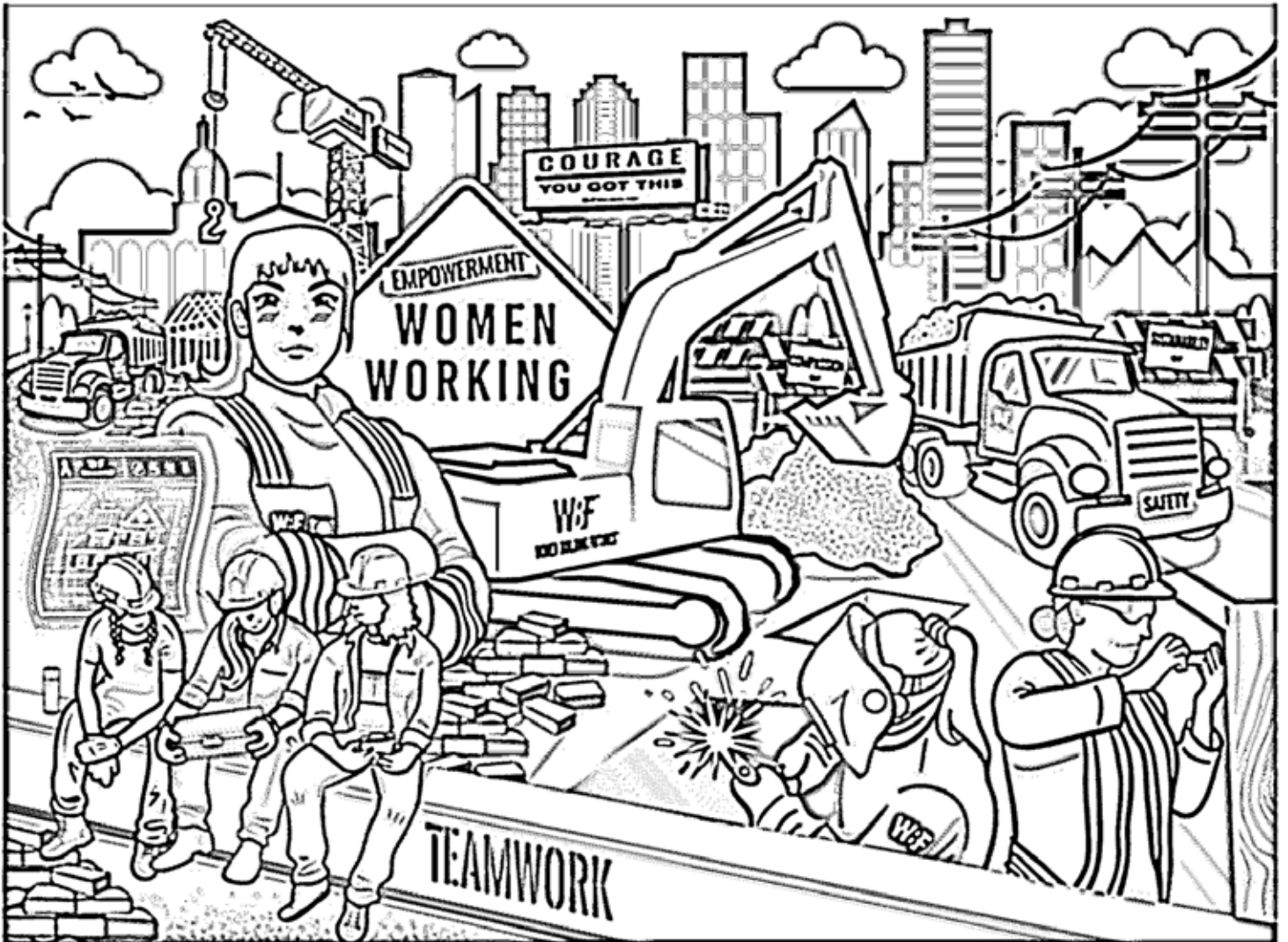
Since 2019, she has been working with Graham Industrial as a Quality Coordinator at Burton Creek Project. "**Graham has done a lot for me in the past two years, I don't know where I would be without their support,**" she adds.

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, Gerda has been continuing her role from home, but she misses "being at the site because to me it is a second home."

You Got This!

We know that many of you are at home with kids during this time, and we thought we would share a fun activity!

Our Journeywoman Start graduate Yvonne created this amazing digital image to be used as a colouring sheet!



[Click here to download a printable version!](#)

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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COVID-19 Online Screening - Stop the Spread
The symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, dry cough or other cold or influenza-like symptoms. Use the online screening tool to determine whether you need to call Health Link 811 to get tested.

AHS COVID-19 Online Screening (link here)
NOTE: If you are awaiting COVID-19 test results, do not call Health Link. You will be called directly. It can take up to four days.

Government of Canada Supports
COVID-19 – Benefits and Services

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/mge-account.html>

Government of Canada will provide a taxable benefit of \$2,000 a month for up to 4 months to:

- workers who must stop working due to COVID-19 and do not have access to paid leave or other income support.
- workers who are sick, quarantined, or taking care of someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- working parents who must stay home without pay to care for children that are sick or need additional care because of school and daycare closures.
- workers who still have their employment but are not being paid because there is currently not sufficient work and their employer has asked them not to come to work.
- wage earners and self-employed individuals, including contract workers, who would not otherwise be eligible for Employment Insurance.

Application details will be available through My CRA and My Service Canada, beginning the first week of April.

Enhanced Canada Child Benefit
1-800-387-1193

Eligible recipients will receive \$300 more per child with their regular May CCB payment. If you have previously applied for the CCB, you do not need to re-apply.

For more information on the **Canada Child Benefit** such as how to apply and eligibility requirements, go to Canada Child Benefit or call 1-800-387-1193. *If you have previously applied for the CCB, you do not need to re-apply.

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Women Building Futures is committed to supporting our students, staff, residents, and community.

We have compiled a list of community resources for quick reference below.

The information included on this resource sheet has been gathered from the Government of Alberta, Government of Canada and various community support service websites.

[To access this resource sheet, please download here.](#)

What's Your Perspective?

Do you have any questions, comments or story ideas? We'd love to hear from you!

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