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## **2023 Women in Construction: Farah Murphy, Groom Construction Co., Inc.**

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Farah Murphy  
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What was your greatest professional achievement or most notable project in the last 12 months? Returning to a career in the construction industry after spending 10 years home with my kids. My most notable project since returning is Walando Homes.

What made you interested in seeking a career in the AEC industry? My grandfather, father, uncles, and brother were/are all union electricians. I had just graduated with a degree in Literature, but was on the fence about grad school, so they encouraged to apply for the apprenticeship program.

How are you involved in community organizations and/or charities? I volunteered making and delivering meals for first responders, teachers, and the elderly through programs at Salem's Gnu Kitchen during the pandemic. My kids and I also pick charities to donate to on a regular basis; they call it our "Cannonball of Love."

What tips or advice would you offer to other women who are considering entering the construction industry? I would advise them not to get put off by stereotypes of "construction workers;" the industry has changed for the better over the past 20 years.

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