



PAT M. CARROLL
JOURNEYPERSON GLAZIER WITH 20+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

SPOTLIGHT

On Pat Carroll:

Title Journeyperson Glazier for Metalan Erectors, Inc. (Chalfont, Pa.)

Hometown Holmesburg neighborhood; Philadelphia, Pa.

Family Daughter Taylor, son Pat, Jr., girlfriend Meghan

Favorite Movies Gladiator or Braveheart

Favorite Band Metallica



ABOUT PAT

Born and raised in the Holmesburg section of Philadelphia, Pat worked in landscaping and construction after graduating from Father Judge High School. By age 24, he was a father with two kids at home and a real desire for an upgrade in his career. A family member told him about glazing, but Pat admits he knew nothing about any of the trades at the time. "I didn't even know what a glazier was," he explained. "But I found out the benefits of being trained." Pat knew he was young enough to take advantage of training for a good career. The health and retirement plans were further indicators of the stability he sought. He became a glazier in 1998 and currently works for Metalan Erectors, Inc.



Pat (bottom left) with the 2017 championship Glaziers Ice Hockey Team.

20+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

In 20+ years of glazing experience, Pat has worked on many projects. Currently, he's on site at a condo project at 38th and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia. He'll be there for roughly six to seven months. In Pat's role, he's one of the first glaziers on the floor, doing layout and installation of sill receptors for a window wall system. The rest of the crew follows behind, using Pat's measurements to do their portion of the installation. The window crew comes in last to install the windows.

HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS

Pat says the people he works with make his job interesting and fun. "Working is like getting to hang out with your friends. That's the way I look at it." He doesn't feel like he's working because of the great people around him. "The weather, even when it's bad, you make fun of it. You laugh about it." Pat's work friendships continue after hours on the glaziers' softball and ice hockey teams. He has played third base on the softball team for 19 years and defense on the hockey team since it started five years ago, celebrating championship wins with both teams. In fact, he has participated on every glaziers' championship team.

PERKS OF THE JOB

Pat's daughter Taylor went to college and works in sales in the business world. His girlfriend, Meghan, works as a hairdresser. His son, Pat, Jr., followed in his footsteps, recently starting as a glassworker. Pat told his son, and tells other young people, that if you aren't a suit-and-tie type, glazing is something to look into. "One of my favorite parts of glazing is that I don't have to get dressed up or work in an office," Pat said. He adds that the benefits, retirement, and good living to be made through glazing are the real perks.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Pat was recently among the first class of local glaziers to achieve the Architectural Glass and Metal Technician (AGMT) certification. The AGMT personnel certification program features a third-party, independent assessment of an experienced glazier's knowledge and abilities. Pat underwent physical and written testing to attain the credential. With 74 LU252 glaziers certified, "it seems like the Philly local is leading by example," Pat explained.

Pat is also in the early stages of becoming an instructor at the Finishing Trades Institute, where he can help educate the next generation of glaziers.

FREE TIME

Pat coached both of his kids in several sports. Now that they are grown, he has more time for fishing and cheering on Philadelphia's sports teams. The avid Philly fan especially enjoyed when the Eagles won the Super Bowl in 2018. Pat was working a job in North Jersey at the time, and relished being around New York fans. "That hour-and-a-half ride was easier knowing the Eagles won. You didn't have to say anything at work, just give a smile."

GIVING BACK

Pat emphasizes that he's been very lucky with all the people he's met in the trades. He tries to give back a little bit to help anybody. From mulching flower beds at the local library to raising funds for fellow glaziers who need help, Pat is there. "Whenever I'm called, I pitch in," he said, adding that people who aren't part of the union might not understand this commitment, but that it's something of which he's definitely proud.

"It comes back to the people. Anything I've ever done with the union, it comes back to the people, the guys are all there to help you." In Pat's experience, from apprenticeship through the present, there have been people to guide him and help him succeed. "I fell into something pretty good a long time ago. It's incredible."

Top to bottom: Pat (bottom left) with fellow glaziers supporting the Luke Strong Softball Classic, an annual fundraiser organized by the family of a glazier who was paralyzed in 2017 (Luke is pictured at center).

Pat playing softball and hockey.

Pat with his family: son Pat, Jr., daughter Taylor, and girlfriend Meghan.

