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Tandus Flooring® Lends Helping Hands to Three Savannah Nonprofits

Community service part of four-day conference in historical city

(Dalton, GA—March 30, 2011) More than 180 employees from the North American operations of Tandus Flooring descended on Savannah, GA last week and offered helping hands to assist three area nonprofits including the Bethesda Home for Boys, The Salvation Army and Assisting Working Women in Need. The Tandus Flooring workforce of account executives, designers, manufacturing personnel and management were in Savannah for an annual conference that included a day of community service.

Tandus Flooring professionals put down their briefcases and picked up hand tools to renovate educational and recreational facilities, plant landscaping, refresh living spaces and install Tandus Flooring floorcovering.

“This group always has a lot of energy and we enjoy helping out with these types of community projects,” said Glen Hussmann, President and CEO of Tandus Flooring. “We’re a close knit group, very much like a family, and it’s very gratifying for us to set aside a day to make a difference for these deserving local organizations.”

The Bethesda Home for Boys benefitted from the creative talent of well-known designer Suzanne Tick, who, with Tandus Flooring team members, created a U.S. map in the parking lot for use as a learning tool. Company employees revamped recreational facilities, renovated locker rooms and installed Tandus Flooring Powerbond® product depicting the Bethesda logo at the residential and day school for young men.

“It’s truly a sight to see so many people from Tandus Flooring working to improve this home for so many young men,” said Jeff Walker, Director of Communications, Bethesda Home for Boys. “The work that was done from more than 100 volunteers will have a positive impact on all those who visit and live at Bethesda.”

At Assisting Working Women in Need, a team, including renowned designer Jhane Barnes, painted artwork on walls, installed new floorcovering and revamped professional development classrooms. The project also included renovations to the youth education classrooms.

“We are so grateful for the work Tandus Flooring is doing,” said Sarahlyn Argrow, Founder and Executive Director, Assisting Working Women in Need. “These improvement projects are something we have needed for 10 years. We have always been able to provide the professional development curriculum for these women but now we are able to give them a real classroom, which makes all the difference in the world.”

Salvation Army dormitories also received a fresh coat of paint and the Tandus Flooring team installed Powerbond. The team also sorted and merchandised clothing for the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

“The work that we have been able to do with the help of Tandus Flooring volunteers are making a tremendous difference,” said Linda James, Business Administrator, The Salvation Army Savannah. “It will truly make the residents feel more at home.”

About Tandus Flooring®

Tandus Flooring (www.tandus.com) creates innovative floorcovering solutions through a unique product line of Powerbond®, modular tile, broadloom and woven products that work in tandem to enhance spaces for learning, working, healing and living. Through inspired design and leading-edge technology, Tandus Flooring offers customers a single-source for innovative product design and technology, comprehensive services, and environmental leadership. For more than 40 years, Tandus Flooring has been examining all the ways to be a better corporate citizen and environmental steward — and then taking actions that lead to demonstrable, meaningful, quantifiable results.

Bethesda Home for Boys (BethesdaForBoys.com) is a private residential and day school for young men in grades 6-12. The student body is socio-economically and racially diverse by design. Bethesda serves young men who respond well to small classes, a structured environment and a strong sense of community. Its mission is to develop within each student a love of God, a love of learning and a strong work value.

Assisting Working Women in Need (AWWIN.org) delivers support services for the single working woman and her family. The community center prepares women for the workplace through resume writing, computer classes, interview skills preparedness and coaching on appropriate dress. The nonprofit also provides an afternoon learning environment for children grades 7-12.

The Salvation Army (SalvationArmySavannah.org), an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. Best known for its disaster services, The Salvation Army also helps with homeless prevention, provides emergency assistance to families in need and runs a Christian camp for children.

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