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Amy Collins Recognized as a *Tandus Hero*

Program Applauds Tandus Flooring Associates for Community Service

(Dalton, GA—December 21, 2010) Tandus Flooring announces that Amy Collins, a Technical Information Services Associate for the company, has been named a 2010 Tandus Hero. The Tandus Heroes program recognizes associates that go above and beyond to improve the lives of others in their community.

Amy was nominated for the Tandus Heroes award by many of her fellow Tandus Flooring employees who described her “as one of the most giving people we know.” Her efforts extend from volunteering her time with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program to selflessly helping co-workers in need.

Amy’s journey with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program began more than 12 years ago and in 2001 she met a first grader named Tyler who changed her life forever. Their friendship began with Amy reading to Tyler at school as part of a reading program and in the last nine and half years, the two have forged a lifelong friendship. Since meeting, the pair has spent countless hours together ranging from reading and hanging out to Tyler joining Amy on family vacations and holiday gatherings.

“I’ve been blessed by being able to see the loving, understanding, and happy teenager Tyler is today,” Collins said. “I’m rewarded knowing I will always be able to recall the fond memories we’ve shared over the years, and because I know as he moves on what a great support system he has at home.”

In addition to company-wide recognition, the Tandus Heroes award includes a monetary donation in the winner’s name to the charity of his/her choice. Amy has chosen the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

“What we do at Big Brothers Big Sisters is not about personal sacrifice, it’s about being blessed to have the great opportunity to help children in need of someone to talk to, be with, and do things with,” added Amy. “The hope is that the program allows a means to show parents with a child in need of a Big Brother or Big Sister that we recognize and respect all they do, and to reassure them their child will experience the same opportunities, love and support all children should experience.”

Amy demonstrated her willingness to help others in a different way when one of her co-workers at a previous employer became very ill and was in need of a kidney transplant. Amy found that she was a viable donor and immediately began the process to donate a kidney to her co-worker. What would be considered risky or even unquestionable for some people was what Amy stated as one of the easiest decisions she ever made.

"I might have felt this was a risk too had I not witnessed some of the health problems this genuine and caring person had endured because of his declining health," Amy said. "The strength and courage he displayed at these times not only inspired me, it helped me to better appreciate my own good health. More than this, it instilled in me the desire to help."

The transplant was a success and nine years later, the recipient is doing well thanks to Amy's selfless and inspirational act.

"Whether its intentional or not, I'm a firm believer that people can make a difference," added Amy. "My parents are the most giving people I know and they helped me to recognize the joy of giving. They are the reason I am who I am."

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