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## **Tandus Flooring and United Way Partnered for Community Service Day at Local Boys and Girls Club and Cohutta Elementary School**

### **Global Company Gives Back to Local Community**

(Dalton, GA – March 26, 2010) Tandus Flooring and the United Way of NWGA partnered for a community service event in the local area. Today, nearly 200 Tandus Flooring employees volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club of Whitfield County and Cohutta Elementary School as part of Tandus' "Starting With Me" campaign.

Tandus Flooring worked closely with the United Way Volunteer Center to design the service projects to make the most positive impact. Tandus Flooring employees from across North America pitched in to help improve these two community staples through a variety of efforts.

Volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club cleared an area for a mountain bike trail, planted flowers and constructed a playground for members. Those who volunteered at Cohutta Elementary School created a walking trail for students and revamped the school's Internet Café including a donation of Tandus Flooring's Powerbond® floorcovering following the day's enhancements.

"As a company we chose to stay local for this year's sales meeting and today's event allowed us to give back to a community that has been so good to our company. It's truly a humbling experience," said Glen Hussmann, President and CEO of Tandus Flooring. "Our partnership with United Way of NWGA allows us to give back in ways that improve and add to the success of local organizations that make a difference."

Tandus Flooring employees located throughout the U.S. and Canada joined the local Tandus workforce at the Chattanooga Hotel for the annual sales conference with this year's theme of "Starting With Me". This year's meeting agenda included the company's new brand image and strategic plans for the year that centered around "Starting With Me" – a message of empowerment to employees. The community service event extended this global message to the local area.

"This company is making a huge impact on our local agencies through mobilizing over 180 volunteers for a Day of Caring," said Amanda Burt, President of United Way of NWGA. "In this time of cutbacks, a strong volunteer force is necessary for agencies to continue to serve those who are most vulnerable."



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#### **ABOUT TANDUS FLOORING**

Dalton, Ga.-based Tandus Flooring ([www.tandus.com](http://www.tandus.com)) creates innovative floorcovering solutions through our 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 continues unprecedented results toward sustainability and a steadfast commitment to environmental accountability.

#### **ABOUT UNITED WAY OF NWGA**

United Way of Northwest Georgia advances the common good by focusing on education, income and health. The organization's goal is to create lasting change while working to prevent problems from happening in the first place. Everyone is part of the change. Our local United Way annually distributes over \$2.5 million to local human service agencies, connects over 22,000 people to services through the 211 information and referral hotline, and the Volunteer Center mobilizes 2,600 individuals to meet community needs through service. Through the LIVE UNITED campaign, the local citizens have continued to give, advocate, and volunteer. The United Way of NWGA's mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities in Northwest Georgia. Visit [www.ourunitedway.org](http://www.ourunitedway.org) to connect to local opportunities.

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