



Universal Forest Products Celebrates 50th Anniversary with \$100,000 Donation to Habitat for Humanity

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 14 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Universal Forest Products (Nasdaq: UFPI), the nation's leading supplier of wood and wood- alternative products, announced today that it would present checks totaling \$100,000 to Habitat for Humanity International. Universal announced the gift to commemorate the company's anniversary.

Universal will present \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity affiliates in each of the 86 communities in which the company has operations, and will make an additional donation to the Habitat for Humanity in Kent County, which serves the community of the company's headquarters. In addition, Universal's facilities will supplement the corporate donation with additional gifts of products and labor that will more than double the value of the donation.

"For 50 years we have been building our success in towns across America," said Universal CEO and Vice Chairman William G. Currie. "These are the towns where our employees live, work and raise their families -- and we want to see them grow and prosper. Habitat for Humanity provides a critical service that helps communities provide hope and opportunity for people who need both.

"The products Universal manufactures -- including our roof trusses, wall panels, and lumber packs -- will make an important contribution to the difference Habitat is making in peoples' lives," he added. "This is an opportunity for a strong and effective partnership with an agency that has a strong track record in providing people in need with quality, affordable housing."

Headquartered in Grand Rapids, MI, Universal Forest Products was founded in 1955 as a wholesale lumber office serving the manufactured housing industry. Today, the company has approximately 9,000 employees and 98 facilities in 86 locations in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Universal markets, manufactures, and engineers wood and wood-alternative products for D-I-Y retail home centers, structural lumber products for the manufactured housing industry, engineered wood components for the site-built construction market and specialty wood packaging, wood and composite components for industrial uses and various industries. It also provides framing and installation services for the site-built sector. For information about Universal Forest Products on the Internet, visit the company's web site at <http://www.ufpi.com> , or call 888-Buy-UFPI.

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