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Guess that Plane!



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The New Age of Manufacturing:

A Chronicle

We invite you to follow the chronicle of our journey- **to lead the revival of manufacturing in America**. We are publishing a monthly email and blog containing the ideals, practices, and developments that will drive the evolution of Stroco Manufacturing, Inc., a woman-owned small business in the aerospace industry.

Manufacturing has an impact on all of us. It is vital to the economic sustainment of our country, yet the industry is viewed as "dark and dingy" by young Americans entering the workforce. As other industries make huge advances in both technology and culture, manufacturing seems to move at a glacial pace. Add this to the massive amount of jobs and companies moving offshore; it is time to make a change.

We need to rev up the economic engine that is American Manufacturing. Our plan is to nourish and develop a company that competes globally. We will achieve this by embracing the latest technology, acquiring and developing world class leadership, and creating a culture where you would want your kids to work. The chronicle will give you first hand insight into the progress of leading the new age of manufacturing and what it has to offer Americans. The entire Stroco family is excited about sharing our journey with you.

Sincerely,

Keri Welhart
President/Owner

Kris Welhart
General Manager/Owner

A Simple Act of Kindness:



"It's not what the situation is, it's what we make of the situation."

In December of 2009 one of our Team Members proved the basis of this quote to be within reach. Aaron (pictured right) was a victim to a rare and unfortunate situation. His situation? A break in the sewage line connected directly to his and 25 other places of residence. The break led to the flood of his entire living space. As a result, the majority of his belongings were left in no condition for salvaging.

The next day, there was no calling into work sick for Aaron. No. Actually, it was the exact opposite of what I am sure you are expecting. He rolled out of bed, put a smile on...and picked up a positive attitude to bring into work with him. It goes without saying that many, if faced with a disaster of this nature, would be in a negative state of mind. Aaron chose positivity, despite the bad hand of cards he was dealt. Looking back Aaron reflects on his initial thoughts. Quote " If one person doesn't show up, it's not the same...everyone needs to come to work because they all have a part. Because I like my job and employer it was actually a relief to be able to go into my place of work!" He is a true inspiration and example to all of our Team Members!

But that is not the end of the story, actually it is just the beginning...

Not long after word got around of Aaron's story, another Stroco Team Member displayed a genuine act of kindness. When Maggie (pictured left) heard the story she had a unique reaction that awakened the humanitarian inside of her. Her idea, to start a collection of money to provide to Aaron so he would be able to replace some of his most favorite belongings. She recalls, " As Aaron told his story, he was obviously down about it, but he appeared to be keeping a positive attitude...but the look on his face really said it all. Not only had he lost everything, it happened

around the holiday season which tacked on even more worry for him and this is what prompted my idea." Maggie took the lead on organizing the collection of the fund and presented it to him along with a beautiful greeting card at the Stroco Holiday Christmas party.

It is situations paired with extraordinary acts of kindness like these that remind us we all have the ability to make the best out of life regardless of the odds! At the end of the day, and when it is all said and done, what really matters is our perspective.

The January Plane:

The Boeing T-45 Model



Fun Facts

1. The Boeing T-45 is used by the United States Navy.
2. It is the 1st ever totally integrated jet aircraft training system.
3. More than 3,500 student aviators have earned their wing of gold in the T-45.
4. The T-45 model entered into service in 1992.

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