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Oscoda Plastics®[®], Inc. Donates Floor To New Orleans Community Center

Oscoda, Michigan – May 14, 2009 – Oscoda Plastics®[®], Inc., the manufacturer of PROTECT-ALL® Commercial Flooring, has donated over 1,500 square feet of interlocking tiles to the Community Center of St. Bernard located in the St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. The flooring for the new laundry facility was installed May 12 – 15th by volunteers from the Cudd Memorial Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit St. Bernard Parish where 93% of homes were rated as “severely damaged” or “destroyed,” and almost four years later, the population is only about half of what it was pre-Katrina. This is also the site of the Murphy Oil spill, the largest domestic residential oil spill in U.S. history. The Community Center in St. Bernard Parish is located directly east of New Orleans’ lower Ninth Ward.

The Community Center is dedicated to empowering families who are still struggling to rebuild by providing them with local access to essential recovery resources including canned food, clothing, hot meals, medical care, legal aid, internet access and public phones.

“We are grateful to Oscoda Plastics for their generous donation which will enable us to expand our facilities so that we will not have to limit the amount of assistance we give, or begin turning families away,” said Iray Nabatoff, Executive Director of the Community Center of St. Bernard. “The need for these basic services is growing as the economy continues to worsen,

with the number of clients who use our food pantry increasing by 18% during the first three months of 2009.”

During the renovation of the Community Center, environmental responsibility was taken into account. PROTECT-ALL is manufactured from 100% pre-consumer recycled vinyl. Annually, over six million pounds of vinyl waste is recycled into PROTECT-ALL and kept out of the nation’s landfills. Also, all of the paint used during renovation came from The Green Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability in New Orleans.

“We were inspired by the story of Iray and are excited that we could help the community of St. Bernard,” said John Rouse, Oscoda Plastics National Sales Manager. “Our interlocking tiles are the perfect application for their laundry facility and we feel good to know that we are helping the residents come back to some sort of normalcy.”

*Manufactured in Oscoda, Michigan by Oscoda Plastics, Inc., PROTECT-ALL Commercial Flooring derives its durability and slip-resistance from the specialized thermal fusion process that blends remnant industrial-strength vinyl together into one monolithic piece. Oscoda Plastics, Inc. is a fast-growing manufacturer specializing in the production of environmentally-friendly building products that are used extensively in commercial kitchens, athletic facilities, veterinary offices, and many other flooring applications. For more information, please contact **John Rouse at 800-544-9538** or visit **www.oscodaplastics.com***



Pictured from left:

John Rouse, National Sales Manager of Oscoda Plastics; Matt Osment, James Mills, Caieb Thrower, Allie White, and Courtney Garrett all of Cudd Memorial Baptist Church.



Floor installed in laundry room.

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