

Mt. Olive Manufacturing Donates \$30,000 Supporting Career and Technical Education

Business owners Steve and Lisa Langley today announced a new commitment to Mooresville High School to enhance its Career and Technical Education Department. Through the establishment of a new fund at the Community Foundation of Morgan County (CFMC), Mt. Olive Manufacturing in Mooresville will donate \$20,000 to establish a fund to be administered to benefit the high school's growing technical education programs.

In addition, the Langleys have made an initial donation of \$10,000 into a second new fund to provide four \$2,500 scholarship awards in 2014 for one male and one female recipient at both Mooresville and Martinsville High Schools. This new scholarship fund, through CFMC, will support graduating Mooresville and Martinsville High School seniors interested in pursuing careers in fields of engineering, technology, and advanced manufacturing.

Mt. Olive Manufacturing's owners were first approached by Mooresville High School teacher A.J. McAdams with the idea that local businesses might be interested in supporting the efforts now underway at Mooresville High School to improve the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Program. "We now have new classrooms as result of the recent construction," said McAdams, "but we struggle with the cost of acquiring equipment for the students to use in the classrooms. The financial support provided by Mt. Olive Manufacturing will make a tremendous impact on our ability to utilize the type of equipment and technology needed to facilitate an advanced learning environment," he said.



Mt. Olive Manufacturing President Steve Langley is a 1981 graduate of Mooresville High School and is pleased to provide this support. "I took every shop class offered at Mooresville High School during my four years," said Langley. "This early learning experience and having the opportunity to work with my hands in metals, woods, drafting and design has been invaluable to my career."

"Since moving our manufacturing plant to Mooresville in 2009, we've had a difficult time finding local workers with basic machine/tool, mechanical, and electrical skills required to build, set-up, and maintain our production tooling and machinery," Langley added. "Personally, I feel that over the past couple of decades, the reductions and/or elimination of the vocational trades and shop classes, like I



took at Mooresville, has resulted in a missed opportunity for some students. The United States, and more importantly my home community in Morgan County, Indiana, is a great place to manufacture products. People keep saying we need jobs and companies like ours need the opportunity to recruit locally these types of skilled workers,” he noted. “Teaching these basic skills must start at the secondary level of local school systems,” Langley emphasized. “I’m very pleased to see we have some local teachers at Mooresville, like A.J. McAdams, who recognize the untapped potential of some of our high school students. As business owners, by giving back to the local school and with student scholarships, we’d like to think we’re investing in the future success of our youth. Hopefully, one day they may return and seek a career with us here at Mt. Olive Manufacturing.”



“These scholarships will make a tremendous impact on Morgan County seniors,” commented Tom Zoss, CFMC Executive Director. “Not only will they support local high school students who seek post-high school classes, but Mt. Olive Manufacturing is going the extra mile by offering a nurturing environment they can hope to join upon graduation.”

Mt. Olive Manufacturing, Inc. is located at 3304 Hancel Circle, Mooresville, in the Flagstaff Business Park. The company specializes in heat-sealing flexible plastic films and coated fabrics used for medical devices, aerospace, military, and retail consumer products. For further information about Mt. Olive Manufacturing, visit the company website at mtolivemfg.com.

The new scholarships will be part of this year’s offerings by the Community Foundation of Morgan County, and the nearly \$1 million in scholarships available in 2014. All CFMC scholarship applications this year will use an online process. Please visit the CFMC website at yourCFMC.org for more information about these scholarships. Online applications will be available as of November 25, 2013, with an application deadline of 4:00 p.m., February 28, 2014.

More information is available by calling the CFMC office toll-free at (855) 280-3095.

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PHOTOS:

1. Celebrating the new announcement are (from left): Dr. Larry Moore, Mooresville Schools Interim Superintendent; A.J. McAdams, MHS Technology Teacher; Scott Kern, Mooresville Schools Director of K-12 Curriculum; Brian Disney, MHS Principal; Tom Zoss, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Morgan County; Mt. Olive representatives Steve Langley, Lisa Langley, and Tony Langley.
2. Steve Langley (right) talks with A.J. McAdams and Lisa Langley about the Career and Technology programs at Mooresville High School.
3. Steve Langley (right) signs the official grant paperwork with Tom Zoss, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Morgan County.

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