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“Finishing Strong from the Heart”

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When I was sixteen, I started spending my summer afternoons at RMF in the sweltering heat of the upstairs office filing paperwork. It was not exactly what I had in mind for summer entertainment. Now that I am a parent myself, I understand the reason why my parents made me do it! I secretly envisioned being the proud editor of a Roy Metal Finishing newsletter. Well, truth be known, there really wasn't enough news to warrant one...probably not enough interest either! Nowadays, we have the RMF official website, as well as the company portal, which are updated regularly. And, you guessed it, have officially made the newsletter concept a moot point.

However, there is still a need for our RMF family to know what our Company is doing to help our employees and to help make the Greenville area a better place to live. I have decided this is where I come in with “Finishing Strong from the Heart”, a monthly employee update for the RMF portal. It will cover a handful of tidbits that will hopefully show you how RMF is finishing strong in more ways than meets the eye...

Last week I had the opportunity to sit down and speak with Jerry Westmoreland who was employed at RMF for more than twenty years. While my father was showing him around the plant, I found myself wondering what Jerry and I were going to talk about in addition to his 401K treasure. He had been gone nine years or so, and Laura had successfully tracked him down to do the appropriate paperwork to close that chapter. It was no easy task, but one my father felt strongly about.

It turns out that Jerry is now doing some construction work and learning to play golf in his free time. Who would have guessed? Not me, but I am happy for him...happy that we can officially give him a little peace of mind for retirement one day, and happy that people really do think RMF stands out from the rest. “I have fond memories from here,” Jerry said. “I made some really good friends.”

RMF does finish strong where other companies fall short. We go to bat for our employees. We also give monetary donations and give our time to organizations in the local community, greater community, health community, and the education/youth community.

Since January of 2008 alone, RMF has donated money to events raising funds for the American Cancer Society, the Greenville Literacy Association, the Boy Scouts of America, the YMCA Camp Greenville, and several elementary and high school fundraisers. RMF even sponsored Phoenix Specialty's “Relay for Life Team” with a donation of Wal-Mart gift cards...Now, how's that for customer service?

Until next month, it is from the heart that I can happily say, “RMF finishes strong”.

Look forward to news from Kathy's "Finish Fit" campaign and our new endeavor to help Meals on Wheels even more!