

RP Johnson Celebrates 113 Years with Customer Appreciation Event

Demonstrations, food, and prizes on May 18

Press release

In celebration of the company's 113-year anniversary and four generations of service to the community, RP Johnson and Son, Inc. announced a Customer Appreciation Day set for May 18 and a community event called "We Build It Forward" that will take place on June 15.

The Customer Appreciation event will be held at RP Johnson and Son in Andover, where the company has provided building materials to the community for more than a century. The "We Build It Forward" event will have volunteers work on projects that will take place throughout area towns, encompassing a variety of private and public building, repair, and community service-related projects.

"My grandfathers were community-focused from the first day of our founding, and this is a great way, especially during these tough economic times, to not only honor their legacy in hardware and building materials, and my father's, but it's also a way to bring us all closer as a community—to find creative new ways to appreciate, serve, and build up the cities and towns where we have done business with our friends for more than a century," said RP Johnson and Son's fourth-generation president, Steve Johnson.

RP Johnson and Son is known for its innovative drive-thru lumber yard, state-of-the-art technology, and open-book management program.

"Paying attention to what our community, employees, and customers need is how we carry out the company's legacy of caring. But we can't do it alone," Johnson said. "We need the community to get as many people involved in these very special projects as possible. Everyone can participate, even if it's in a small way."

RP Johnson and Son commits many dollars and employee hours to other community causes, including youth programs and scholastic programs—always for organizations that keep dollars

in the local community. "Our customers have supported us for generations, and this is our way of giving back to them, as well as to our own employees who live in Andover and Sunapee," Johnson said.

At the Customer Appreciation Day on May 18 from 7 AM to 5 PM, members of the community are invited to visit the Andover location of RP Johnson and Son, where they can take tours of the drive-thru lumber yard and millwork showcase, see vendor demonstrations, enter to win prizes, kids can work on building a special project, and get free popcorn and balloons for the children. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning, with hot dogs and soda during lunch time.

During the Customer Appreciation event, members of the community also will be urged to sign up for "We Build It Forward" projects that take place on June 15, when teams of people will take on projects like fundraisers and yard cleanups, fixing park shelters, or painting an entire house. Members of the community can also sign up for the event online at RPJohnsons.com/webuilditforward and WeBuildItForward.com. The total list of ideas will be posted on the Web site as it continues to grow.

For more information, call 735-2116 or visit RPJohnsons.com. 

Carnutz Car Club in Town For Cruize-In at RP Johnson

Customer Appreciation on May 17, 5:30 to 7:30

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As part of its 2013 Customer Appreciation Event, RP Johnson and Son is hosting a Cruize-In Night at its Millwork Showcase in Andover on Friday, May 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Customers can enjoy free food, vendor displays and demos, do-it-yourself tips, raffles, give-away prizes and the CarNutz of Newport car show. Proceeds from the event will benefit David's House in Hanover and RP Johnson and Son's "We Build It Forward" Community Outreach Program.

Customers can visit vendor booths to learn about TimberTech decking, Benjamin Moore paints, Allan Block and Belgard Pavers, Everlast Roofing, tools, and more. Local vendors – including Floorcraft, Nutritionally Yours, a Mary Kay consultant, an interior designer, and more – will be on hand to pamper the women, give demonstrations, and answer questions.

The Carnutz Car Club

The Carnutz Car Club was started by Wayne Boardman and Merle Sargent in the spring of 2007. They both had experiences good and bad with car clubs over the years. So they agreed, why not give it a shot? The first meeting was held, offi-

cers were elected, and some ground rules were set. Their plan is first and foremost to enjoy their cars and trucks!

David's House

David's House is the dream of a little boy named David Cyr who passed away in 1984 after a long struggle with acute lymphocytic leukemia.

During David's frequent visits to the children's hospital in Hanover, his father Dick met many parents who slept in their cars or in chairs in their child's hospital room, unable to afford any length of stay at a nearby hotel and unwilling to leave their child's side. Likewise, each time David was discharged, he begged his parents to take the other kids in the pediatric departments with them to their safe, comfortable home in nearby Vermont.

Within a week of David's passing, the Cyrs and their friends and family had already begun raising money for David's House. The seed money from which this wonderful organization has grown was David's own \$300.78 (in spare change, allowances, and birthday money stashed around the house). Whenever Dick had asked him what he was saving for, David replied, "For a special reason, Dad." David's House opened its doors to guests in 1986, and since then, that "special reason" has served over 12,000 families from around the world! 

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