



Fluidmaster Recognizes World Plumbing Day with Volunteer Effort

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA (March 10, 2015) – [Fluidmaster, Inc.](#), a global manufacturing leader of toilet trim products, repair parts, and related plumbing supplies, has partnered with plumbing fixtures manufacturer Vortens and wholesale distributor Hirsch Pipe & Supply, to help a local charitable organization in honor of World Plumbing Day observed on March 11th each year.

Together, Fluidmaster, Vortens and Hirsch donated more than two dozen Vortens Sparta high efficiency toilets, fully equipped with top-of-the-line Fluidmaster parts to the [Foothill Family Shelter](#), a nonprofit organization in Upland, California which houses families with children for up to 120 days, free of rent and utility charges. The water saving toilets will replace each of the shelter's 30-year-old toilets, installed when Foothill was established in 1984.

"Given the significant water shortages in California, and the increasing maintenance requirements for these toilets as they enter their fourth decade of service, we're especially thankful for this highly useful donation by Fluidmaster, Vortens and Hirsch," said Kay Alexander, Board President of Foothill Family Shelter.

The donation will reduce overall water usage at the shelter, saving the organization in utility bills each month that may now in turn be used to assist families in the program. The toilets are in process of being installed with assistance from Fluidmaster employees.

"One of our Founder's Goals set forth in 1960 was to 'Be a Good Citizen in the Community.' World Plumbing Day allows us to contribute our own products and employee skills to a worthwhile cause, and it's a great opportunity to fully integrate our community involvement," said John Wohlfiel, Fluidmaster VP of Human Resources. "We're excited to partner with organizations like Vortens and Hirsch who also know the value of giving back."

World Plumbing Day was established as March 11th each year by the World Plumbing Council at its in 2001 to mobilize a movement to raise awareness of the global sanitation crisis.

About Fluidmaster, Inc.

Established in 1957, Fluidmaster remains a family owned and operated company known for its superior engineering of efficient and reliable toilet components. The company leads the market with a worldwide distribution network across more than 80 countries, selling more toilet tank valves than any other manufacturer in the world. Fluidmaster's complete line of toilet care parts include single and dual flush valves, flappers, fill valves, tank levers, bowl wax, toilet repair kits, and connectors. Fluidmaster is headquartered in San Juan Capistrano, California.

About Vortens

Owned by the Lamosa Group, a leader in the construction industry since 1890, Vortens was introduced in 1996 to fulfill a need for quality plumbing fixtures exclusively for wholesale distributors and contractors in the United States and Canada. Since then, Vortens has established itself as a premier line of sanitary ware products, combining affordability with superior design features and reliable performance. Today, Vortens offers a complete

line of residential plumbing fixtures and light commercial products – all with the attention to powerful performance that's worthy of its name, and true to its heritage.

About Hirsch Pipe & Supply

A wholesale distributor of plumbing supplies, Hirsch Pipe & Supply has seventeen convenient store locations serving the greater Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego County areas of Southern California. In addition to serving local plumbers, Hirsch Pipe & Supply has a national and international sales team which services contractors and other wholesalers throughout the U.S. and the Pacific Rim. Founded in 1933, Hirsch Pipe & Supply is recognized for its superior service and diverse inventories, same-day deliveries, prompt and courteous counter service, and a knowledgeable sales staff.

About Foothill Family Shelter

Foothill Family Shelter is a nonprofit organization founded in 1984 which houses homeless adults and children for a period of up to 120 days, free of rent and utility charges. One-year transitional housing as well as permanent housing is also available. The organization began as St. Mark's Homeless Shelter and currently serves as a transitional facility for homeless adults and children from the west end of San Bernardino County and the east end of Los Angeles County.

About World Plumbing Day and the World Plumbing Council

An international organization which aims to develop and promote the image and standards of the plumbing industry worldwide, the World Plumbing Council mission aims "To promote the role of plumbing in improving public health and safeguarding the environment by uniting the world plumbing industry for the benefit of all." World Plumbing Day has been established as March 11, every year... everywhere!

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