



## J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc.

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### WORLD'S LARGEST PIPE PRODUCER CONTINUES HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

#### *JMM Donates Home Appliances To Victims In New Orleans*

Livingston, NJ – September 08, 2006 – J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc. (JMM), the largest producer of plastic pipe in the world, remains active in its Hurricane Katrina relief efforts one year after the devastating storm struck the Gulf region. Most recently, the company has donated eighty sets of washers, dryers and refrigerators to victims in New Orleans whose homes have recently been gutted and rebuilt by volunteers from the Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, through its "Operation Helping Hands" initiative.

JMM's manufacturing plant in Batchelor, LA, was instrumental in helping the company identify a local organization in New Orleans where JMM could lend a helping hand. "Soon after the hurricane, our President and CEO, Walter Wang, called me and expressed his overwhelming desire to help the people displaced by the hurricane," said Dan Wimberly, Batchelor Plant Manager and a local resident of the Baton Rouge area.

Based on some initial research and conversations with local organizations, JMM felt that the "Operation Helping Hands" was an appropriate partner. The initiative was created by the Catholic Charities to help local residents rebuild, and after seeing so many flood-ruined appliances piled by the side of the road, they decided to reach out to companies to raise funds to purchase washers, dryers and refrigerators to donate to local families.

"We felt that with a tangible donation, such as home appliances, we could directly help those in need and it would allow us to serve several families at a time," Wimberly said.

The homeowners who received the appliances were selected by Catholic Charities and qualified for the rebuilding phase of Operation Helping Hands, which was launched on August 1, 2006

"We are so grateful to donors like J-M Manufacturing who's contribution, combined with the efforts of our volunteers, have kept our project alive and have been a lifeline to homeowners in our community," said Joan Diaz, Project Manager at Operation Helping Hands.



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In addition to the recent donation, JMM also made a large appliance donation to the Vermillion and Iberia Parishes in Louisiana in December 2005, and instituted a company-wide collection for Hurricane Katrina victims in August 2005, offering employees a 5-to-1 matching policy for each contribution they made.

To date, J-M Manufacturing's hurricane relief efforts have resulted in close to \$150,000 in donations. This includes the value of the washers, dryers and refrigerators that were donated this past month and in December of 2005.

### **About Catholic Charities Helping Hands**

Operation Helping Hands is a program of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans that utilizes volunteers to gut homes of the elderly, disabled or uninsured. Since its inception in November 2005, nearly 5,000 volunteers have come from across the country to gut more than 800 residences. Learn more at [www.ccano.org](http://www.ccano.org).

### **About J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc.**

J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc. was formed in 1982 with the acquisition of eight pipe manufacturing facilities. Today, the company operates 14 manufacturing plants across the United States, with headquarters in Livingston, New Jersey. JMM produces water, sewer, solvent weld, electrical conduit, ABS and polyethylene pipe in diameters ranging from ½" to 48" for PVC and ½" to 63" in HDPE. JMM is dedicated to developing the plastic pipe market by offering superior products, unparalleled quality, and ensuring that its business makes a positive contribution to the environment, the communities it serves, its customers, and employees. For additional information, visit J-M Manufacturing on the web at [www.jmm.com](http://www.jmm.com).

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