

Von Drehle wins state award

Family business honor follows 'Faith' accolade

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Wake Forest University recently notified the von Drehle Corp. that it has been selected as a 2008 North Carolina Family Business of the Year.

This award is in recognition of the success that von Drehle has achieved in combining the best of family and business.

An official awards ceremony is scheduled for June 3 at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem.

Von Drehle is a second-generation, family owned-and-operated business. Founded in 1974 by Frank and Pat von Drehle, the business has grown steadily over the years to currently include four manufacturing facilities totaling 1 million square feet of production area and capable of producing more than 11 million cases of quality towel and tissue products per year.

Sons Raymond and Steve von Drehle joined the business in the early 1980s and continue to manage it today.

Von Drehle also recently received the "Faith in the Future Chairman's Award" presented by the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce and Duke Energy. This award is in recognition of von Drehle's:

DETAILS

■ With an emphasis on 100 percent recycled paper products, the von Drehle Corp. is one of the fastest growing manufacturers of towel and tissue products for the away-from-home market in the United States.

■ Through an international network of more than 300 distributors, von Drehle sells to industrial, commercial and institutional suppliers, as well as to major contract cleaners and building-maintenance services.

■ Von Drehle directs manufacturing and distribution facilities from its national headquarters in Hickory, with production facilities in Cordova, Maiden, Memphis, Tenn., and Las Vegas, Nev.

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■ Significant investments in their facilities, product lines and employees;

■ Business commitments and positive impact to the area's economy.