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Continental donates commercial washer to Day by Day Warming Shelter

Oshkosh, Wis.-- Continental Girbau Inc. (Continental), a manufacturer of commercial and industrial laundry equipment, in Oshkosh, Wis., recently donated a 20-pound capacity E-Series frontload washer to the Day by Day Warming Shelter (Day by Day). "The washer is a Godsend," said Angie McCarthy, executive director. "Our old washer kept breaking and we put hundreds into repairs. I wanted a commercial washer to handle the 100 plus loads of laundry we do each week."

Opened in 2011, Day by Day, in Oshkosh, provides nightly shelter, as well as morning and evening meals, to homeless adults during Wisconsin's cold-weather months. It operates with help from volunteers and area businesses willing to donate time, money and products, according to McCarthy. The 25-bed shelter provides warm refuge for homeless adults with nowhere else to go.

Continental President Mike Floyd, who heard about Day by Day's washer woes, donated a commercial-grade machine to help lighten the shelter's load. He also offered free "end-of-season" laundry service – for washing blankets, comforters and linens – from the Express Laundry Center, in Oshkosh. The Express Laundry Center is high-speed vended laundry owned by Continental.

"We do a ton of laundry," said McCarthy. "We wash bedding at least twice a week, and up to nightly if guests only stay one night. We also wash our guests' personals every evening." The new Continental washer offers multiple programs that are easy to use. That's important, according to McCarthy, because volunteers often do the laundry. "Our new washer uses less water and detergent. It allows us to do more laundry in less time."

As grateful as she is for the washer donation, McCarthy is equally pleased with the end-of-season laundry service offered through Express Laundry Center. “Last year, it took me two months to finish the end-of-season laundry,” she said. “Now it takes an afternoon thanks to the big washers at Express Laundry Center.”

To find out more about Continental laundry products, visit www.continentalgirbau.com or call 800-256-1073. To discover more about Day By Day, visit www.warmingshelter.com or call 920-203-4865.

Continental Girbau, Inc. is the largest of 14 subsidiaries of the Girbau Group, based in Vic, Spain. Girbau laundry products – marketed throughout 90 countries worldwide – meet rigorous environmental and safety standards established by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Girbau S.A. holds both ISO9001 and ISO14001 certifications. Ever focused on laundry efficiency, Continental Girbau is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGB), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that developed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.