



## **Arpin wins Corporate Social Responsibility Award from the Latin and Caribbean Movers Association**

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Mark Dearborn (second from right, top row)  
building a house in Guadalajara, Mexico with  
Techo volunteers

West Warwick, RI Arpin International Group has won the 2017 Corporate Social Responsibility Award, presented by the Latin and Caribbean Movers Association (LACMA), for its commitment to the environment and the global community it serves. Mark Dearborn, vice president of corporate accounts, accepted the award from LACMA immediate past president Walter Laffitte on behalf of Arpin International Group.

Dearborn recently joined about 40 of his industry peers in Guadalajara, Mexico, to take part in a community service project where he helped build five houses for the homeless in the two days before the LACMA Conference in Puerto Vallarta. The Techo program is a social responsibility initiative that runs throughout Latin America. It focuses on building houses for hand-picked communities with the goal of making them sustainable.

Dearborn described his feelings about returning home after the experience: “I came home after LACMA with a completely different perspective and have tried to pass that message along to friends, family and co-workers. We take things for granted and especially in the United States. Techo has reminded me of that and my message to everyone is that life is good for us, love life every day and do not worry about the small things. It can always be worse.”

Arpin Group seeks to positively transform the moving industry through its green initiatives. Understanding that the world’s natural resources are limited and fragile, the company considers environmental protection and sustainability to be consistent with its overall goals

and values and an important consideration in its operations.

The Arpin Charitable Fund, also known as Arpin Strong, was formed to help those in need during natural disasters, or when unfortunate circumstances arise, by participating in community-based volunteer projects and fundraising events. Arpin Strong announced in its 2016 year-end report that it has raised over \$80,000 and donated to 37 charitable organizations. Since its founding, Arpin Strong has raised over \$234,000 for the community.

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