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Professional Profile: Kimberly Corwin 2014

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Name: Kimberly Corwin

Title: President and CEO

Company: AH Harris & Sons, Inc.

Location: Headquartered in West Hartford, CT

Place of birth: Waterloo, Iowa

Family: Husband, Scott; Son, Andrew (26) completing his PhD at UCSD; Daughter, Elle (23), beginning 2nd year of Veterinary School at Iowa State University, Son, Aaron (22), senior studying Kinesiology at University of Rhode Island, StepSon, Lundon (25), Stepdaughter, Paige, (21), senior studying business at Baruch Community College in NYC.

College: ISU

First job unrelated to your current field: Delivering singing telegrams

First job in current field: Receptionist at Composite Technologies Corporation (manufacturer of fiber composites for use in insulated sandwich wall panels)

What your firm does now and its plans for the future? AH Harris is a construction supply distributor with 39 locations in 13 states from Bangor, ME to Charlotte, NC. We are actively looking at acquisition opportunities to expand our market reach. We lead with Forming and Shoring and currently manufacture our own light weight clamp system, Harris 1500. In addition, we provide pre-fabricated cages (A706 weldable rebar) for use in the highly technical tunnel market.

Hobbies: Cooking, reading, gardening

Favorite novel: I read constantly, so whatever is in my hands. Currently reading "The Seven Powers of Success"

Favorite film: "Miracle on Ice" it about more than a hockey game, overcoming obstacles!

Keys to success: Hard work & persistence. Not stopping until the job is done and not taking no for an answer.

Person(s) you most admire (outside of family): No one in particular, I admire individuals who overcome the challenges that life gives us!

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? I am not sure I still know what I want to be when I grow up, but I do volunteer work for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and giving a voice to children is important to me.