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## Thru the Lens: ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston receives \$35,000 grant from National Gypsum

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Portsmouth, NH On Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – “Giving Tuesday” – National Gypsum made a donation of \$35,000 to ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston, on the recommendation of its Portsmouth plant, as part of the company’s \$1 million of philanthropy donated that day.

National Gypsum’s Portsmouth plant manager James Bennett presented the check to ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston’s president Tom Aldrich of DPR Corp. and ACE board member Ray Houle of New England Finish Systems. The donation will help ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston to expand the program to serve more high school students who otherwise would not have to opportunity to enter these careers.

“This donation will enable ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston to provide opportunities for more students to enter careers in architecture, construction management and engineering,” said ACE president Thomas Aldrich. “With this gift, National Gypsum has created a pathway for hundreds of disadvantaged students to have a chance to design and build not just buildings, but also bright futures for themselves and their families.”

National Gypsum donated a total of \$1 million to support communities throughout the United States and Canada where National Gypsum Company and its family of affiliated companies, including Gold Bond Building Products, LLC, Gold Bond Canada, Ltd., PermaBASE Building Products, LLC, ProForm Finishing Products, LLC and Unifix Inc., have operations.

The donations were awarded to nonprofit groups selected by associates at each facility location, with a focus on organizations working in the areas of community services, early childhood education and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning.

“Giving back to the communities where we live and work is a core value of our National Gypsum family,” said Thomas Nelson, chairman, president and CEO of National Gypsum Company. “We are dedicated to building better futures for our associates, our communities and, above all, those in need.”

The donations, which were announced in conjunction with the international Giving Tuesday celebration of giving November 30, were limited to tax-exempt 501©(3) groups, accredited colleges, universities and secondary and elementary schools located in the United States and eligible nonprofits in Canada.

The National Gypsum family of companies, with associates in 19 states and two Canadian provinces, supports communities year-round with structured leadership training programs, volunteerism and associate and corporate giving, as well as through a commitment to environmental stewardship.

“We owe a debt of gratitude to our associates, the communities that are vital to our businesses, and especially to the organizations that do so much to improve the lives of people every day,” Nelson said.