



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Freres Donates \$475K to Community in 2024**

*The Freres Foundation and company support local schools and nonprofits in 2024*

**LYONS, Ore., Dec. 16, 2024** – The Freres Foundation and Freres Engineered Wood are proud to support local schools, nonprofits and their community, with charitable contributions totaling approximately \$475,000 in 2024. This reflects the family’s long-standing commitment to give back to the community, which has cared for them for over 100 years.

Charitable donations supported a variety of causes, including education, forest stewardship and community well-being. Local schools, a volunteer fire department and forestry nonprofits were among the recipients, including organizations such as Family Building Blocks and the World Forestry Center.

“The Freres Foundation was established in 1958 with a commitment to supporting our local communities,” says Rob Freres, company president. “We believe the success of our business is closely linked to the health and vitality of the companies and organizations around us. By fostering local partnerships and offering support, we can all thrive together.”

In 2024, the Freres Foundation focused on educating local youth and raising awareness on issues affecting their community and the timber industry. Contributions toward these efforts reached approximately \$230,000, with more than \$50,000 directed toward schools like Stayton High School and Regis St. Mary Catholic School. Additionally, nonprofits like Hope Pregnancy Clinic and Samaritan’s Purse received more than \$30,000 combined, and local, rural fire districts such as Lyons and Idanha, an essential part of the local community, also received over \$20,000.

“Supporting local schools is a top priority for our family values-led company,” says Rob. “We are also grateful to the Lyons volunteer fire department; they are truly the heart and soul of our community. They respond to 1,000 calls annually, and many of the volunteers work at our mills.”

Freres Engineered Wood also contributed significantly to forestry causes in 2024. The company donated \$250,000 to the World Forestry Center. As part of normal operations, they planted more than 500,000 trees across the state of Oregon. These efforts support forest restoration and are an investment in the future of the timber industry.

“We’re honored to play a role in fostering healthy forests and restoring areas devastated by wildfire,” says Rob. “These contributions reflect our commitment to the environment and the long-term sustainability of our region.”

After more than 100 years in the Santiam Canyon, the Freres Foundation and Freres Engineered Wood remain devoted to creating a stronger, more resilient community through meaningful partnerships and impactful contributions. For more information about Freres Engineered Wood and their family foundation call 503-859-2121 or visit [www.frereswood.com](http://www.frereswood.com).

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### **About Freres Engineered Wood Products**

Freres Lumber Co., Inc., DBA [Freres Engineered Wood](http://www.frereswood.com), has a 100-year history of innovation in the wood products industry, beginning in 1922 when T.G. Freres started a small sawmill in Oregon's Santiam Canyon. Today, Freres' operations include finished plywood, lumber, veneer and structural composite lumber, Mass Ply products, biochar, and a cogeneration facility that supplies renewable power for the local area. Known for being traditionally innovative, Freres is deeply committed to its community and to sustainable forest management practices. The company uses 100 percent of the wood it processes throughout its three operations—Freres Engineered Wood Products, Freres Timber and Evergreen BioPower LLC—and six wood products facilities. Freres provides family wage jobs to nearly 500 employees. For more information, visit [www.frereswood.com](http://www.frereswood.com) or call 503-859-2121.