

Donaldson Company Announces Quality of Life Award

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March 22, 2005 – Minneapolis – Donaldson Company, Inc. (NYSE: DCI) today announced it will receive the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce's Quality of Life award for charitable work its employees performed in 2004. The Chamber will present President and Chief Executive Officer Bill Cook with the award at its 14th annual ceremony on March 22. The award has been presented to 82 companies since 1991, honoring the role Chamber member businesses play in enhancing the quality of life in the region's workplaces, marketplaces and communities.

At the ceremony, Donaldson Company will be recognized for the volunteer work it did with Bridging, Inc., a local non-profit that provides free household goods and furnishings to people in transition. In September of 2004, more than 100 Donaldson employees and management staff helped Bridging complete the project of reorganizing its 29,000 square foot warehouse.

The project included restructuring and creating additional shelving, reorganizing all of the items and furnishings, and landscaping around the building. Donaldson employees completed the project within one business day. This past year was the seventh year Donaldson provided in excess of 100 employees to a single community service project on the same day.

"This one day service project and our ongoing employee activities with Bridging represent what is at the heart of Donaldson's charitable giving: giving back to our local community, both in monetary terms and in time commitment," Cook said. "Our annual Community Connection Project gives employees an opportunity to volunteer and get involved in their community. These activities also help us as a company, building the camaraderie and teamwork that helps make us stronger and more effective in the marketplace. Most important, employees leave the service project knowing they have really helped others in need and accomplished something that has a lasting impact."

The decision to work with Bridging was made by Donaldson's executive management team in conjunction with their United Way fundraising campaign. Donaldson Company will be recognized alongside Graco, General Mills, and Two Men and a Truck.

About Donaldson Company, Inc.

Donaldson Company, Inc. is a leading worldwide provider of filtration systems and replacement parts. Founded in 1915, Donaldson is a technology-driven company committed to satisfying customer needs for filtration solutions through innovative research and development. Donaldson serves customers in the industrial and engine markets including in-plant air cleaning, compressed air and gas purification, power generation, disk drive filtration, off-road equipment and trucks. Our 10,000 employees contribute to the company's success at over 30 manufacturing locations around the world. Donaldson is a member of the S&P MidCap 400 Index and Donaldson shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DCI. Additional company information is available at www.donaldson.com.

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