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PRESS RELEASE

Doherty donates \$15,000 to Minnesota West Community & Technical College

The Minneapolis staffing agency's first contribution to MnWest will help support welder training.

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Doherty Staffing Solutions executives presented a check for \$15,000 to Minnesota West Community & Technical College (MnWest) in a brief meeting at the Doherty office in Owatonna, Minnesota, on Monday, October 22. On hand to accept the funds for Minnesota West were Dawn Regnier, Director of Customized Training, Les Kvam, Program Coordinator - Manufacturing & Trade, and Dr. Richard Shrubb, President of Minnesota West CTC. Doherty's donation to Minnesota West is the first fundraising project the staffing company has completed for the college.

The funds are earmarked for a new portable classroom on campus, a self-contained welding trailer. The welding training program is a jobs initiative partially funded by the Minnesota Job Skills

Partnership Board for students and dislocated_
workers in rural Minnesota, to address a shortage of skilled welders in the region.



Minnesota West Community & Technical College accepts \$15,000 check from Doherty Staffing Solutions. From left to right: Doherty Staffing Solutions owner Tim Doherty, Minnesota West Director of Customized Training Dawn Regnier, Minnesota West College President Dr. Richard Shrubb, Minnesota West Program Coordinator for Manufacturing & Trade, Les Kvam, Doherty President Allan Brown, Doherty Sales Manager Alysha Frie, and Doherty Vice President Gauher Mohammad.

Working toward a bright future for southwestern Minnesota students and residents

Doherty Staffing Solutions Chairman and owner Tim Doherty was in Owatonna to present the check to Regnier, Kvam, and Shrubb on Monday. He said, "Our contribution to Minnesota West Community & Technical College is the beginning of a new partnership with the college and the communities it serves in southwest Minnesota. This

contribution, along with that of other organizations, helps build relationships between private and public institutions, which is the best way to develop a strong and dynamic economy. Cities that Minnesota West serves—like Marshall, Worthington, and Pipestone—need skilled welders as well as workers and new entrepreneurs to grow and attract industry, and to keep Minnesota's workforce the best in the nation. The Doherty family and companies are proud to be part of this important endeavor."

Dr. Shrubb had this to say about Doherty's fundraising and donation, "Doherty Staffing Solutions and Minnesota West are both in the education and employment business and we're proud of our partnership."

About Doherty Staffing Solutions

Doherty Staffing Solutions is one of the Midwest's largest and most experienced providers of contract and temporary staffing services. Headquartered in Minneapolis for more than thirty years, Doherty offers customized workforce solutions to companies doing business in Minnesota and across the nation. Learn more about our temporary, temp-to-hire, direct hire, onsite staffing management, and placement services at www.dohertystaffing.com.

About Minnesota West Community & Technical College

Minnesota West Community & Technical College is a comprehensive community and technical college with five southwestern Minnesota campuses: Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone, and Worthington and centers in Fairmont, Luverne, Marshall, and Redwood Falls. Students have the opportunity to earn an Associate Degree, Diploma, or Certificate in more than 60 disciplines. To learn more about Minnesota West, visit www.mnwest.edu.

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