

## **TECHWOOD JOINS EFFORTS TO REBUILD INDIANA COMMUNITY LANDMARK WITH PROTECTIVE LUMBER TREATMENT.**

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*October 29, 2024 – Fort Pierce, FL* - TechWood, a leading developer of protective lumber treatment solutions located in Ft. Pierce, Florida, recently joined forces with industry partners to protect and secure a better future for a staple of a small Indiana community.

Located in the heart of Daviess County, is The Bargain Center, a family-owned grocery store with deep Amish community roots and owned and operated by Marlin and Rose Yoder. The store itself has been a staple of the Daviess community for over 18 years, providing locals with groceries, supplies, and daily needs for small rural-area life.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the store succumbed to a catastrophic fire which devastated the original structure and shook the community with an almost complete loss of the store and nearby warehouse. While efforts by local volunteers and fire departments managed to salvage the warehouse space, the store itself, known for its still-standing horse beams outside, was a total loss with damages in the range of \$2.5 million dollars. Not to be deterred, the Yoders vowed to rebuild, and immediately began working with county officials and local suppliers to begin the rebuilding efforts to bring the community icon back from the ashes.

No stranger to the devastating effects of fire, TechWood who provides three levels of lumber protection treatment solutions through TechWood 2200, 3300, and 4400, immediately offered to provide treatment of all lumber materials needed for the new construction. Specifically, its patented 3300 solution, which provides warranted protection against mold, rot, decay, and termites, and additionally offers Class A fire protection both during and post-construction.

Working together with K&K Industries, a leading manufacturer and builder of truss construction (as well as an industry distributor of the innovative TechWood products) the two teams banded together with local, community and corporate volunteers to treat over 44,000 board feet of lumber and help begin the construction of the new facility with essential fire protection for the future.

“This was an opportunity for us to provide our quality protection for a very special cause.” said Matt Visconti, Senior Market Development Manager for TechWood and its parent company Chemical Technology Holding Inc. “We are constantly aware of the risks of fire, both to existing structures and future construction. We wanted to ensure that The Bargain Store was protected properly for the future against all risks and to provide support for an amazing small business to flourish once again.”

The Bargain Center is now in the final stages of completion, having had its complete framing



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package treated and constructed within 3 weeks of the devastating fire. According to the Yoders, the goal for reopening is scheduled by Thanksgiving and just in time for well-needed food and supplies for the holidays.

Visconti saw first-hand the bonds that the store has developed over the years. “We know how much this place means to the people of this community. It’s our privilege to help ensure that it continues to build that connection for many years to come, safe and sound.”

TechWood is located in Fort Pierce, Florida and provides treatment services to builders, engineers, architects, and contractors nationally through their network of licensed applicators, as well as through their 16,000 sq. ft. treatment facility. If you would like more information on TechWood and TechWood lumber treatments, please visit [www.techwoodtreatments.com](http://www.techwoodtreatments.com), contact them via email at [connect@techwoodtreatments.com](mailto:connect@techwoodtreatments.com), or call 772-577-3124.