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Wolseley helps US storm victims

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Wolseley's North American Division, which includes Ferguson and Stock Building Supply, distributed relief packages to victims of the recent tornadoes and storms that caused widespread damage in southeastern Virginia.

The packages, delivered to the City of Suffolk for distribution in the tornado-ravaged neighborhoods, consist of leather gloves, sheets of ply board, tarps, RAPTOR hammers, shovels and boxes of 16D nails. Stock Building Supply is providing the plywood and nails, and the other materials are being donated by Ferguson.

"Upon hearing about the tornado, we first checked to ensure that all of our associates in the area were OK and then we immediately focused our attention on the community and how we could help," said Ray Ferrara, manager of emergency operations for Wolseley's North American Division.

The twister that hit Suffolk, Virginia caused more than $18 million in damage as it zigzagged in a 25-mile path through residential areas, obliterating some homes while leaving others untouched. More than 200 people were injured during the tornado, which also damaged scores of businesses and downed dozens of trees and power lines.

A group from Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. in Newport News recently donated more than 400 suits, shoes and other professional accessories to Transitions Family Violence Services, the sole provider of comprehensive family violence services in Hampton, Newport News and Poquoson.

The clothing drive was sponsored by Ferguson's Women's Resource Connection (WRC) and more than 60 Ferguson associates made donations. The donated clothing has been made available to Transitions' clients who need professional clothing to start or supplement their workplace wardrobes.