



FOUNDATIONS



NEIL & ROBIN GOLDBERG OF RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN COMMIT \$250,000 TO OUR NEW HOME

Neil and Robin Goldberg have donated \$250,000 to the Hall of Fame Building Fund. The Tribute Wall in our new home will be named in honor of the people behind Raymour & Flanigan, the nation's seventh largest retailer.

"As we transition to the third generation of leaders, we are even more mindful of what this industry has given to us as a family, and of the significance of providing for the growth and development of future leaders," says Neil Goldberg, CEO and chairman of Raymour & Flanigan Furniture, based in Liverpool, N.Y. "Naming the Tribute Wall at the industry's permanent home is a meaningful way for Robin and me to honor the people that make up Raymour & Flanigan."

The Tribute Wall will explore the rich legacies and inspiring stories of our leaders in a walk with them through their challenges, achievements and contributions. The interactive display will celebrate leadership through the use of documentaries, videos, photography and oral histories.

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FURNITURE OF AMERICA COMMITS \$250,000 TO HONOR COMPANY FAMILY AND GENRICH



Furniture of America (FOA) has pledged \$250,000 to the Hall of Fame Building Fund in honor of the FOA Family and beloved member, the late Mike Genrich. The full-line furniture and lifestyle products resource will name the Leaders Bar.

"We are honored to support this project because the Hall of Fame will allow visitors to pay respect to the pioneers of such a meaningful industry," says Rocky Young, FOA senior executive vice president. "This year, we lost a very special member of the Furniture of America family, Mike Genrich. His greatest passion was networking with other members of the furniture industry. As we gradually return to socializing, may this space serve as a hub for continued meaningful conversations about the industry that we all love."

The Leaders Bar is adjacent to the Celebration Hall, will be a gathering space for 150 for a seated dinner or 450 for cocktails. A catering kitchen will offer a light breakfast and lunch, coffee or cocktails.

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Myrtle Hayworth Barthmaier
Hayworth Industries

HALL OF FAME NAMES MYRTLE HAYWORTH BARTHMAIER AS A TRAILBLAZER

Myrtle Hayworth Barthmaier, who was president and chairwoman for 27 years of Hayworth Industries, will be inducted as a Trailblazer and member of the Hall of Fame during the October 17 Induction Celebration. She becomes the seventh woman inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Born in 1894, Mrs. Barthmaier was a mother of five and pregnant with her sixth child when she unexpectedly lost her husband in 1928 just before the start of the Great Depression. Though she had no prior manufacturing experience, the four companies – Hayworth Roll and Panel, Alma Desk Company, Myrtle Desk and Liberty Veneer – thrived under her leadership. She upgraded equipment and expanded plants, set new standards by reorganizing production lines, and established a coast-to-coast sales and distribution network.

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JOIN US FOR THE GROUNDBREAKING: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021

The Hall of Fame will host a groundbreaking event on Oct. 15 at 8 a.m. at 311 S. Hamilton Street. The 17,500-square-foot building will be expanded into a 23,500-sq.-ft. hub of innovation, excellence and leadership.

"This is as much a step forward for the industry as it is for the Hall of Fame," says Caroline Hipple, Foundation board president and president of Norwalk Furniture. "With this groundbreaking, we are bringing to reality the vision for a Center for Leadership to celebrate the leaders who inspire us and to show gratitude to the industry that has given each of us so much."

The Building Committee, chaired by Larry Rogers, Sealy Inc. (retired), includes Hipple; David Gebhart, Global Views; Mark Phillips, Phillips Collection; Mike Herschel, Furniture Marketing Group; Kyle Hughes, Hall of Fame historian; and Karen McNeill, Hall of Fame CEO. The Exhibits Creative Team includes Gebhart; Hipple; Lauren Estep, Hall of Fame executive vice president; Hughes; and McNeill.



HALL OF FAME LAUNCHES HOME FURNISHINGS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY



Each year, 25 emerging leaders will be selected from nominations for a challenging seminar of peer learning based on the practice of successful home furnishings leadership. The program begins the process of training emerging leaders and builds on industry recognition as a Paul Broyhill Future Leader, an endowed award given by the Broyhill Family Foundation.

High Point University was selected for the Leadership Institute because of its reputation for providing students with hands-on experience through multiple disciplines and opportunities, and because it is in the Furniture Capital of the World™. Any participant who attends three institutes will be honored as a Home Furnishings Leadership Institute Fellow and will receive a graduation certificate and digital badge.

NOMINATIONS
will OPEN on
September 7, 2021
and CLOSE on
October 31, 2021!

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COVID-19 SPOTLIGHT NORWALK FURNITURE

NORWALK FURNITURE CONVERTS TO PPE PRODUCTION

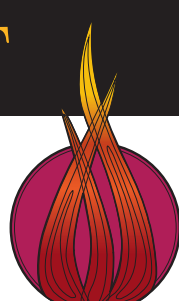
In May of 2020, Norwalk Furniture received essential business status, and began to manufacture masks and gowns for local hospitals during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. At a time when these necessary materials were becoming increasingly scarce, Norwalk led the way by ensuring that frontline caregivers had access to the tools they needed, when they needed them most. We were pleased to add samples of these personal protection materials to our growing collection of memorabilia, preserved as an example of the industry's spirit for future generations.



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THE INDUCTION CELEBRATION

Sunday 10.17.21



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