

2007 Large Business of the Year

The 2007 winner of the Alexander County Large Business of the Year has been a part of the Taylorsville Business community for many years. Since its inception, this company has demonstrated that it is a dynamic and changing company that cares about and invests in the community and its employees,

Its employees, their families, and family values have always been priorities for our 2007 Large Business winner. The company honors its employees and their families with an annual picnic and Christmas party for their children. The company encourages its employees to be active in the community. Many of this company's employees volunteer in local civic organizations and fire departments, and the plant manager has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The 2007 winner is a good neighbor to the people of Alexander County. It regularly makes contributions to the local high school, the Chamber of Commerce, and many other worthy causes and events. This company works closely with CVCC in training its employees. Most recently, this business has utilized its resources in establishing a quality safety program and upgrading the computer skills of its associates.

This business has always kept pace with the rapidly changing textile industry through purchases of the newest equipment on the market required to produce the high quality products demanded in the marketplace today. Through the efforts of its dedicated employees and company leadership, this business is able to provide employment for 280 residents.

While many competitive businesses have been under attack by foreign competition, our winning business has continued to be a healthy enterprise by reinventing itself many times over. In 2006, it invested 5% of sales back into its operation in terms of new equipment to meet the changing needs of customers. The company has plans to reinvest 10% of its sales into continued modernization in 2007.

The 2007 Large Business of the Year began as a silk weaving business in 1916 in Patterson, New Jersey. The Taylorsville plant opened in 1946 as a silk fabric and cotton blends company. As customer needs changed, it was transformed from a cotton spinning and weaving mill into a modern weaving plant that manufactures fine greige goods and specialty fabric. Some of the uses of this fabric are in bridal gown satins, shower curtains, military products, sailcloth, tents, and flag materials.

The winning business is owned and continues to be managed by the Schneider family. It is my pleasure to award the 2007 Alexander County Large Business of the Year Award to Schneider Mills.