



THE DIRT

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GRADEX DONATES TOYS FOR CHILDREN AT THE VILLAGES

The Villages is Indiana's largest not-for-profit child and family services agency assisting children and families with Foster Care, Adoption and Family Services. This year, Gradex decided that a great way for us to keep to our roots of being "family owned since 1973" was to help the children/families that The Villages serves. We gave the accounting/administration members of our team money and time during the day to go to the store and buy Christmas gifts for children that are going through difficult times in their lives. I can only assume that the joy seen on the faces of our team members will be doubled by the looks on the faces of the kids that receive all these wonderful toys. Thanks to Patty, Roxanne, Lori, Shelia, Jayne, and Carol for helping us make this possible.



As another construction season draws to a close, it seems appropriate to reflect upon all the blessings each of us has in our lives. As you enjoy time with your families this Christmas please think about those people that may be going through a tough time, have lost loved ones or are alone this time of year. Do what you can to help those less fortunate and pass along blessings to others in need. Our thoughts and prayers are with the men and women of our military serving around the world that cannot be with their families. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

DIRT Quote: "Jealousy is when you count someone else's blessings instead of your own."



Left: Chris Odell and Scott Sours from Rob Mazur's crew installing water main under the gas main at the Indianapolis Ave. project in Lebanon. Right: Operators from Jerald Mendenhall's crew excavating for wet well on new sanitary lift station at Ronald Reagan & I-74.

"Save-A-Life" Campaign Launched

INDOT and the RCAC have partnered to install new signs on interstate highways to raise awareness among motorists about safe driving in work zones. The 8' by 15' orange panel signs remind motorists to "Slow Down, Save A Life" because "We Are All In This Together." The signs are being installed at entry points to the state and approaching major interstate construction projects. The group also plans to grow the "Save-A-Life" campaign by displaying smaller magnet replicas of the signs on the tailgates of INDOT, contractor and supplier company vehicles throughout the state.



Dennis Libby exiting our new D5K at the shop.



Matt Burton's crew installing slotted drain on the Worthsville Road project.

NEW JOBS

Project I-65, Whitestown

Earthwork	53,900 CY
Storm	6,050 LF
Sanitary	865 LF
Water	5,770 LF

Overlook Apartments

Earthwork	4,500 CY
Storm	600 LF
Sanitary	70 LF
Water	250 LF

Fresh Thyme, Avon

Earthwork	40,600 CY
Storm	1,400 LF
Sanitary	115 LF
Water	210 LF

SAFETY

Be on the lookout for details about upcoming Safety Training classes in 2016 and your chance to be included in a prize drawing. Your name will be entered once for each day of training. We continue to make jobsite safety a priority and look forward to your participation and cooperation.

SHOP SPOTLIGHT

As another year draws to a close, we have more new equipment rolling in. If it's going to stay in good working order, then we need do our part to maintain and operate it correctly. Nobody wants to get into a machine that has issues, or looks like it is being lived in. Let's do our part. Please make sure...

- Operators are performing the daily walk around inspections, as per inspection book, and reporting any issues to the foreman.
- Operators are not leaving trash inside the cabs.
- Tracks are being cleaned on a daily basis.



Operator Dave Kern from Shawn Smyth's crew fine grading median at Ronald Reagan Parkway in Avon.

Gradex Trivia: "First major pieces of equipment were two TS-14 scrapers that I was so nervous about buying that I insisted on a buy-back guarantee." - Tom Dapp, founder & CEO



Market Square Towers project nearing completion as Tony Potter's crew works to finish site excavation.