

*Raising funds  
teaching skills  
in sheltered  
workshop*

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The enclosed circular describes our latest project to help participants of our sheltered workshop to help themselves. We are hand making beautiful unique benches from recycled wood. This is wood that may have otherwise been sent to landfills. You can use your decorative yet functional bench indoors or outdoors in any number of ways. The only limit is your imagination.

#### Who we are

Oyster Creek Industries, Inc. is a non-profit facility dedicated to teaching the mentally and physically handicapped how to lead productive lives in the community. Basically, we help almost 150 participants on a daily basis to help themselves. Each year approximately 20% of them "graduate" and are hired full-time by local businesses where they employ the manual skills we taught them. (For your information, we do not receive any funds from the United Way.)

#### Why we ask for your support

Because of your hard work and success, you are a celebrity. And therefore, simply, others look up to you and follow your example. ~~We ask that you purchase a bench and tell others about our program.~~ If you are planning to come to Houston and interested in visiting our facility, please let us know by checking the appropriate box on the order form or by telephoning. At the time of your visit, we will send our press notices to the major newspapers and television stations. We will also provide pictures of the occasion for your own promotional use elsewhere.

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#### Creative activity releases stress

The skills used to make these benches are a form of art therapy for our participants. We have found that this type of creative activity releases stress and therefore reduces behavioral problems.

#### Proven success

It is interesting to note that this same type of project was undertaken by a facility for the mentally handicapped in Michigan during 1983. Dr. Gerald Jolin directed this project raising over \$500,000. An appearance by Stevie Wonder, another celebrity, sparked its success. We are pleased to have Dr. Jolin as our design director currently.

#### Benefits to you

Your benefits are the satisfaction of helping others to help themselves, improving the environment by recycling and enjoying your bench!

Please use the enclosed order form or call us at (713) 499-3141 to order your bench now.

We thank you for your support!

Damon Knight, Director  
Oyster Creek Industries, Inc.

Enclosure

P.S. Again, please let us know when you plan to visit our facility in Houston, We will be glad to promote your success (for a bit of our own.)