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INFAC Corporation North America, Inc. Completes Expansion and Hiring

Just a year after locating in Campbellsville, INFAC Corporation has completed an expansion and more than doubled their employment. According to Brian Bland, general manager, the last of the new equipment has been installed and production has begun. "INFAC hopes to obtain official customer approval after audits from Hyundai and KIA by the end of January". "Once approved, we should be shipping 'American Made' cables to Hyundai and KIA by the end of March. Twenty new employees have been hired.

"We are very thankful for the assistance from the Commonwealth and the tremendous amount of support from our local EDA office and local government". "We have already received a

positive response from Korea on the progress of our lines and on our incentive packages. Those incentives will encourage additional investment in the future," stated Bland. "I sincerely believe there are more opportunities to come for Campbellsville in the near future. Our hope is that similar assistance will remain available from state and local governments to secure our continued growth".

INFAC Corporation is a leading producer and worldwide supplier of mechanical cables and electronic components for the automotive industry. The South Korean-owned company will be manufacturing park brake cables and transmission control cables at its 52,500 square-foot facility, located in the

Campbellsville Industrial Park. INFAC Corporation, established in 1969 in Ansan, Korea, also operates seven manufacturing plants in Korea, China, India, Turkey and has affiliates in Japan and Europe.

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority preliminarily approved INFAC Corporation for up to \$400,000 under Kentucky's new incentive program, the Kentucky Business Investment Program. The incentives can be earned over a 15-year period through corporate income tax credits and wage assessments. The maximum annual amount to be earned by INFAC Corporation is approximately \$26,666.



CU Using Vision 2025 Document to Prepare Christian Servant Leaders

By Joan C. McKinney, news and publications coordinator

Campbellsville University has developed a new Vision 2025 document that is bold and dynamic and will serve as a guide to make CU one of the premier Christian universities in the nation.

"Preparing Christian servant leaders, who are logical thinkers, keen problem solvers, effective communicators and who are compassionate," is the essence of the document, according to Dr. Michael V. Carter, who is in his 11th year as president of CU.

"Campbellsville University is committed to serving the higher educational needs of the 21st century in a spirit of humility, service and concern for others," Carter said.

"We want to combine the finest in academic rigor with the ability for students to become leaders who are guided by a sense of Christian ethics and care for all people."

"Vision 2025 outlines a very bold plan of action to help facilitate an environment at Campbellsville University where there is academic excellence, character development, integration of faith and learning, scholarship and research and community learning," he said.

Vision 2025 is the result of two years of work by the CU Board of Trustees and administration with input from faculty, staff, coaches, students, alumni and community leaders, with the board having officially approved the document.

As a primary goal of Vision 2025, CU is poised to become one of the premier and top tier Christian universities by the implementation of goals and initiatives in the document.

"Vision 2025 will serve as our guide as we work to make Campbellsville one of the premier Christian universities in the nation," according to Dr.

Jay Conner, chair of the CU Board of Trustees.

"It will lead us as we focus on creating new academic programs which are meaningful to our society and our world. It will hold us accountable as we increase our emphasis on servant leadership and insure that we maintain our commitment to strengthen the financial condition of our beloved school."

Conner said, after having served on the board for the past ten years, "I have seen the institution make tremendous progress in positioning herself to move aggressively into our second century of service in Christian higher education. We have created incredible momentum toward constantly improving ourselves on all fronts."

Conner said the institution believes a "key ingredient" to maximizing opportunities in the next 15 years and beyond is the Vision 2025 document.

Conner said Vision 2025 is "our blueprint to making Campbellsville an ever-increasing relevant force within Christian higher education."

Carter outlined the blueprint for the future as commitments to: 1. placing our students and our mission first in all we do; 2. providing our faculty, staff and coaches with the resources to teach and mentor students; 3. increasing the endowment of Campbellsville University; 4. providing new and enhanced facilities; 5. increasing the growth of the campus - in size, student enrollment and academic offerings; 6. expanding the regional footprint of the institution across Kentucky and beyond; 7. providing a variety of educational opportunities and venues in a rapidly changing world; 8. emphasizing a "work to learn" program for students; 9. remaining a strongly Christ-centered institution and maintaining CU's Baptist identity while being open to people of differing backgrounds and experiences; 10. fostering a

sense of earth stewardship; 11. integrating ethics into all academic and student life programs; 12. making Campbellsville University a diverse community of learners reflective of the global family; 13. being Great Commission Christians who believe in the "whosoever will Gospel" (John 3:16); and, 14., challenging CU's students to be Christian servant leaders in whatever profession they are called to serve in and in all facets of their lives.

Vision 2025 will also be setting the stage for a series of fundraising campaigns to move Campbellsville University to the next level of achievements.

"Vision is necessary for the growth and development of a Christian organization - whether a church, a faith-based ministry or a university," Carter said.

"Throughout history, the belief that what we do can be done better has been at the heart of the Christian movement, and Christian higher education is no exception," he said.

Campbellsville University is in her 103rd year of providing Christian higher education to students.

CU is already moving toward the top tier as noted by being named to the top 25 baccalaureate universities in the South, for three consecutive years, by U.S. News & World Report. CU's most recent distinction of being named as one of the South's top four "up-and-coming" institutions of higher learning, also by U.S. News & World Report (one of only 77 institutions in the nation) is further evidence of the progress that CU is making.

"We are committed to making Vision 2025 a reality in the years that lie ahead," Carter said.

Conner said, "We continue to believe that Campbellsville's best days are still ahead of her, and we are committed to making those days come sooner rather than later."

Greater Campbellsville United's Community Outreach Program makes donation to Taylor County Detention Center



Greater Campbellsville United made a donation of 200 pairs of socks to the Taylor County Detention Center as part of a community outreach program. Greater Campbellsville United is a non-profit organization that accepts, acknowledges, respects and encourages diversity across all cultures. GCU promotes equal opportunity, equity, and positive relationships among all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, religious, gender, and political entities in this community and throughout the region. GCU seeks to encourage development

of new businesses, housing, and community programs throughout the minority community. They work with local government, school systems, community groups, and state and federal programs to bridge the gaps and break barriers that inhibit growth in the minority community. Pictured, from left, are Rick Benningfield, Taylor County jailer; Dr. Robert S. Clark, former director of missions for the Taylor County Baptists Association; Brenda Allen, Campbellsville mayor; the Rev. John Chowning, vice president for church

and external relations and executive assistant to the president at Campbellsville University; Eddie Rogers, Taylor County judge executive; the Rev. James Washington; and Wanda Washington, coordinator of Greater Campbellsville United. In back is Ron McMahan, executive director of Team Taylor County. (Campbellsville University Photo by Ashley Zsedenyi)



Community Ventures Corporation Approved for \$750,000 Small Business Loan Fund

Community Ventures Corporation has been notified that it has been successful in its efforts to increase resources for small businesses in 71 counties in Kentucky. The \$750,000 loan fund, granted by the US Small Business Administration, will be available to qualified business owners.

Community Ventures Corporation (CVC) will provide access to these funds through its seven offices across the state. “In this time where employment opportunities are critical to recovering from our current financial downturn, small businesses are on the forefront of bringing jobs back”, stated Kevin R. Smith, President and CEO of Community Ventures Corporation. “We all know that job creation is the way out of our current economic situation, and these funds are a welcome

resource for our urban and rural communities in building long-term, sustainably business presence and jobs”.

Community Ventures Corporation will provide training, technical assistance and entrepreneurial support to business owners interested in starting a business or growing a business. Loans will be available from \$500-\$35,000. Businesses will be expected to have or create a business plan that can be supported with credible expectations for success and repayment over time.

Community Ventures Corporation is headquartered in Lexington with regional offices in Bowling Green, Campbellsville, Frankfort, Henderson, Louisville and Paris. Interested parties may contact any of the offices or call 1-800-299-0267 for immediate connection to their local office. Additional

information may be found at www.cvcky.org.

Founded in 1982, Community Ventures Corporation is a community-based, non-profit organization that exists to improve the quality of life for urban and rural residents throughout Kentucky.

CVC's central mission is to provide individuals and families with the skills, income, and assets they need to achieve financial independence.

CVC helps people increase income and build assets with three main strategies –

- o Small Business Ownership
- o Home Ownership
- o Job Creation

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