

# Wiremold's Lean Journey

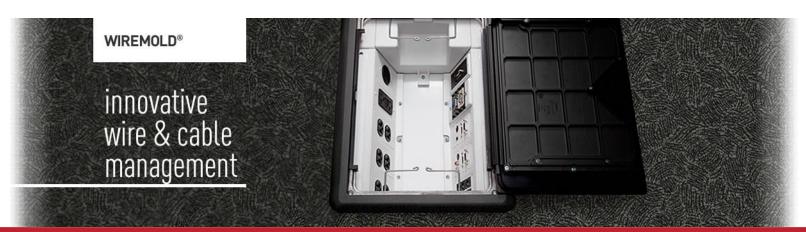
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### Wiremold

- Leading manufacturer of pathways and cable management solutions that reduce installation and ownership costs
- Delivers the widest range of innovative ways to get from point A to point B







### Wiremold – Early History





# Wiremold – Early Products









### **Legrand – A Global Presence**

- 70 subsidiaries and offices
- Sales in 180 countries



**34,000** employees worldwide

More than **\$6 billion** in global net sales in 2014

Market leading positions:

20% market share in wiring devices

15% market share in cable mgmt

**67%** of sales generated by products that are **#1** or **#2** in their market

**5+%** of revenues re-invested in R&D







# the North American division

the Largest Division of Legrand

over 2,600 employees

over \$1 billion in sales in 2013





# **Legrand North America Brand**

**CORPORATE BRAND:** 



**Ortronics** 

On-Q

**PRODUCT** LINES:

Cablofil

**Pass & Seymour** 

Wiremold

**AUTONOMUS BRANDS:** 









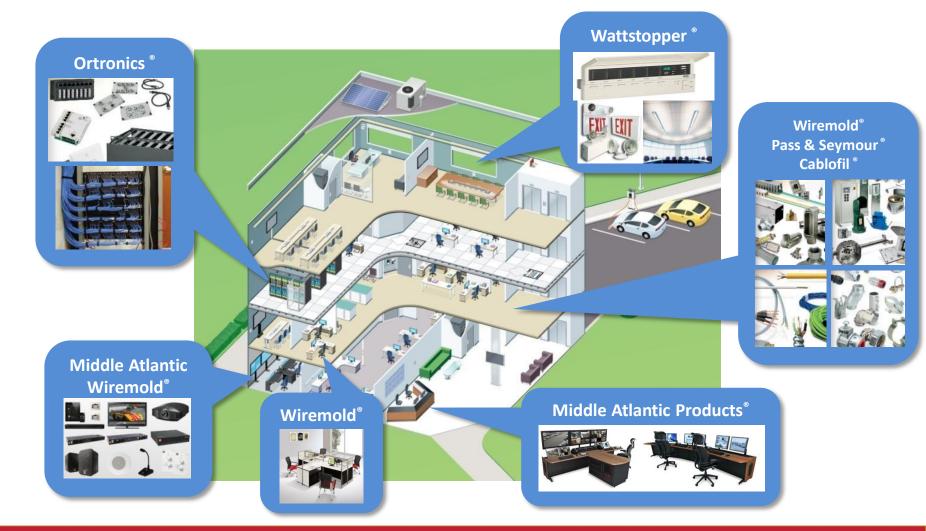






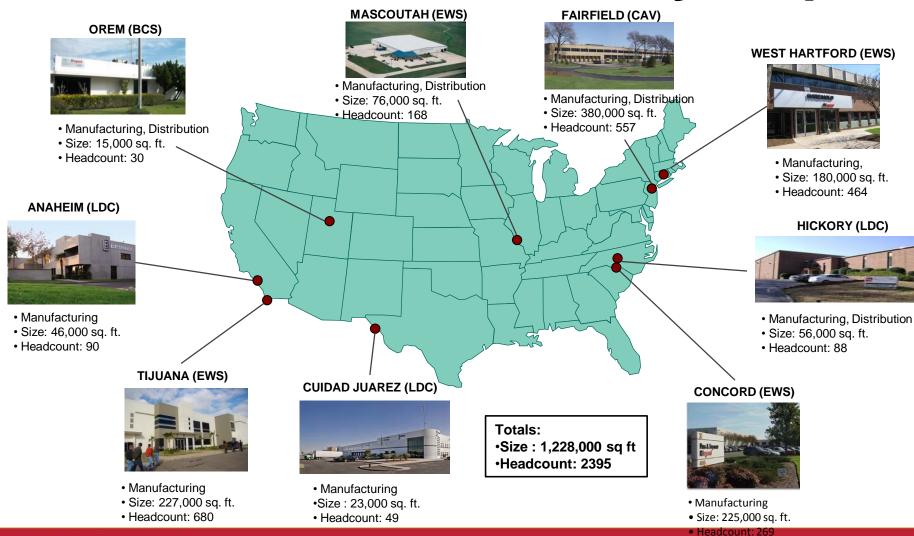


# Legrand – Commercial Buildings





# **North America Factory Map**





### **West Hartford Facility**



#### Size and Information

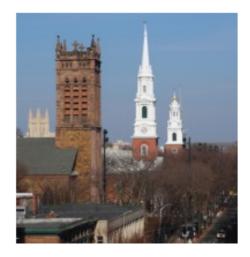
- 5 buildings (built in 1920s, 30s, 40s, 60s & 70s)
- 180,000 square feet of manufacturing space
- 325 people, 2 shifts, 5 day operation

### **Core Competencies**

- Roll Forming 12 mills
- Metal Stamping 50 stamping presses
- Metal Fabrication 3 CNC punch presses, 1 laser,
   12 brake presses, 7 welders, 6 aluminum saws
- Painting Electrocoat, electrostatic spray, powder
- Electrical Assembly and Test 20 wiring tables



# Connecticut's Competitiveness



### Connecticut

Gross State Product \$249 B

As of November 2014

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#### At a Glance

Population: 3,596,700

Governor: Dannel Malloy

Median Household Income:

\$68,587

Job Growth (2014): 0.7%

Cost of Doing Business: 14.1%

above nat'l avg

College Attainment: 37.2%

Net Migration (2013): -1,500

Moody's Bond Rating: Aa3

#### Forbes Lists

#36 Best States for Business

#47 in Business Costs

#20 in Labor Supply

#37 in Regulatory Environment

#44 in Economic Climate

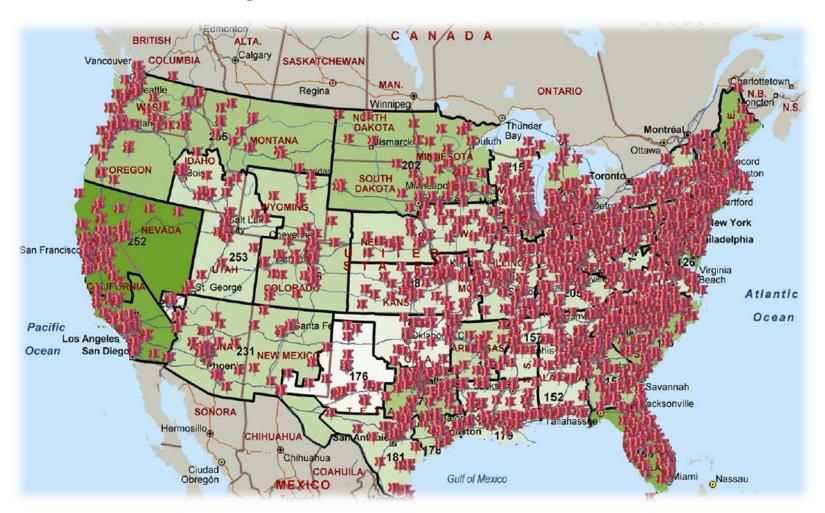
#28 in Growth Prospects

#3 in Quality of Life

Source: 2014 The Best States for Business and Careers, Forbes



# Why Connecticut?





### West Hartford Lean Journey

### Began in 1991 – Early activities

- Established the Just In Time Promotion Office
- Lean training came from the top down
- Lean training in Japan for management personnel
- Consultant led, 5 day kaizen events
- Eliminated "process villages" formed product teams
- Focused on setup reduction and process flow
- Reduced the number of suppliers
- Fixed the order-taking process

#### **Promise to our Union**

"No one will lose their job as a result of kaizen."

-Art Byrne, CEO, 1991





### West Hartford Lean Journey

### **Growth Strategy**

- Insource where possible to improve flow
- Buy up small companies with similar product lines
- Rapidly develop new products

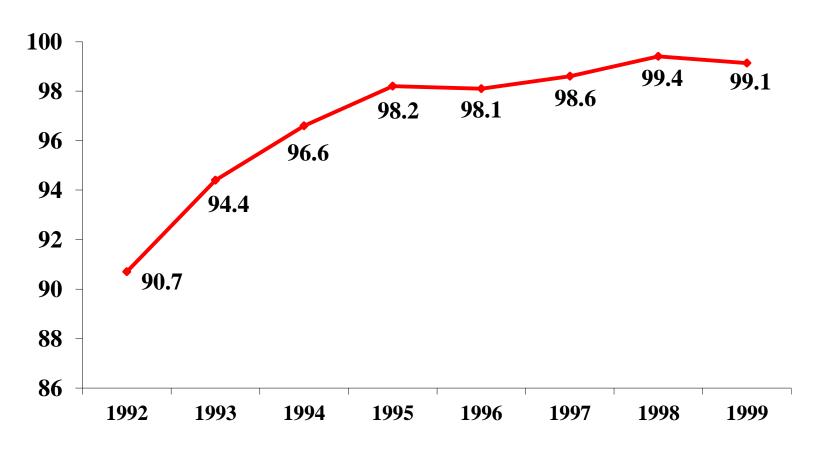
### **Yearly Expectations**

- Reduce defects by 50 percent
- Improve productivity by 20 percent
- Deliver 100 percent of products exactly on time
- Increase inventory turns to a minimum of 20 per year
- Increase profit sharing to 20 percent of straight wages



### **Defect Reduction**

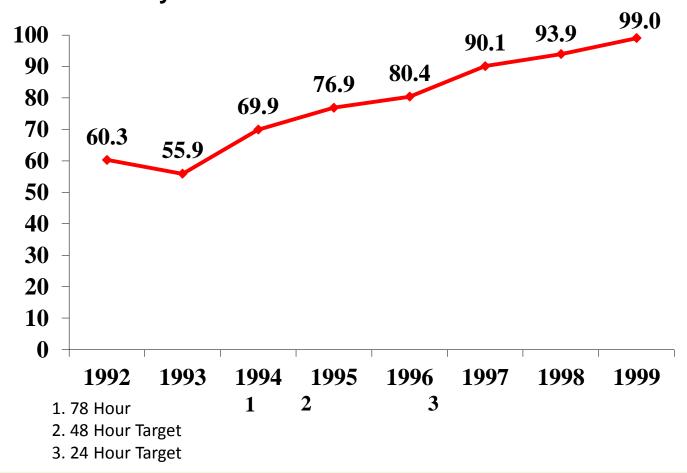
#### Defects per 1000





### First Shipment Fill Rate

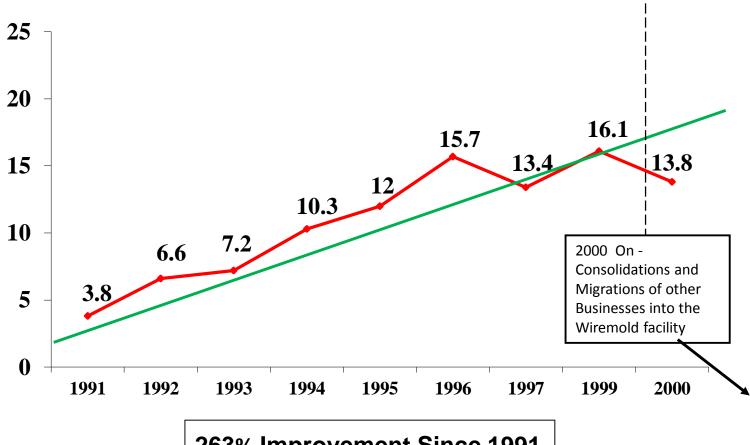
% Fill Rate by Line





### **Inventory Turnover**

**Turns (12 Month Ave.)** 



263% Improvement Since 1991

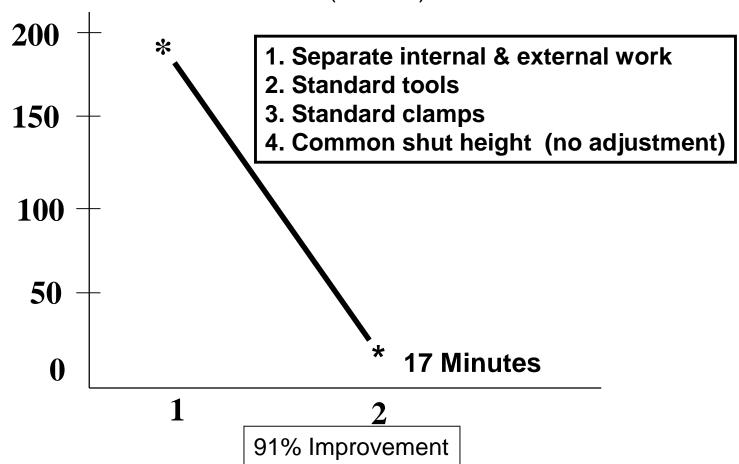




### **Setup Reduction**

**100 TON PRESS** 

After Kaizen 1 (Nov '91)





### Results: 1990-1999

- Sales up +4.1X
- Hourly workforce no increase
- Operating Profit up +13.7X
- Inventory decreased by 75%
- Floor space reduced by 50%



### **Company acquisitions:**

Isoduct, Perma Power, Just data, Simware, Airey Thompson, Walker Systems, Rototech, Raceway Components, Interlink, Atlas Cable Tray, Dual Lite, Davis International, American Modern Home Products, Polam-Suwalki, Salamandre Ltd, Electrunk Ltd, Swifts of Scarboro Ltd, Radiant Communications, Arena Cable Management Ltd, Walsall Cable Management Ltd, Homaco Inc



# **Economic Changes: 2000-2014**

Focus shifted to cost reduction opportunities

### **Plant consolidations:**

<ul> <li>Airey-Thompson</li> </ul>	2002
Alley-Hompson	2004

Walker Systems 2004

• Brooks Electronics 2005

Carlisle Operations 2009

Fergus, Ontario
 2010

Many opportunities to establish lean processes



### Legrand Growth: 2005-2014

2005

### **Acquisitions:**

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	2003
<ul> <li>Cablofil</li> </ul>	2006
<ul> <li>PW Industries</li> </ul>	2008

Middle Atlantic Products 2011

• Electrorack 2011

NuVo Technologies 2012

• Lastar 2014

Many more opportunities to establish lean processes



# Reaching New Heights In Innovation

HI Connect Design People's Choice Award Winner

TED Magazine
Best of the Best
In Marketing

2012 FORBES
World's 100
Most Innovative
Companies

ec&M Product
of the Year

Category Winner 13

IIDEA Bronze Award Winner





2013 Building Magazine's
Money Saving Award Winner

2014

TED Magazine
Best of the Bes
In Marketing

Interior Design Magazine's 2012 Best of the Year Awards Finalist

**Today's Facilities Manager** 

2013

Reader's Choice Award



### **New Products Since 2012**

West Hartford manufactured products

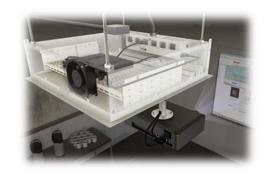
- 15 New Products or Product Families
- Sales of \$4,923,500



















# Lean at Wiremold Today

- Approximately 1500 kaizen events since we started
- 275 kaizen events over the past 4 years
- Used to drive most of our productivity gains
- Learn by doing use data and trystorm
- Mentor other Legrand businesses



### 2014 Kaizen Results

- 50 kaizen events (most were 4 or 5 day events)
- Training 1 to 1.5 hours before events
- Daily report outs in the cell
- "Yokoten" employees share what they learned during final presentation
- Focus on total employee involvement and leadership development
  - 160 different participants 95 hourly, 28 salary, 33 office, 4 other
  - 40 different leaders



# Lean Walkaround (Bi-weekly)

### Each team reviews the following:

- Training matrix
- Productivity results (Department & key cells)
- Modified policy deployment matrix to set/confirm kaizen events
- Kaizen activity and followup
- ISO14001 recycling results

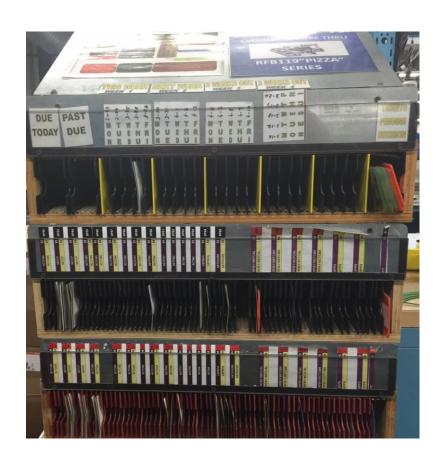




# **Pull Systems**

- Heijunka mailboxes
- WPICS tickets



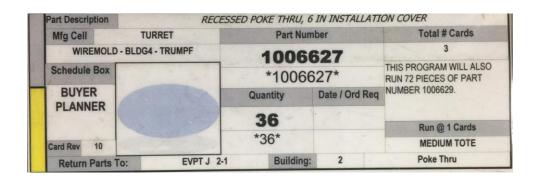




### **Pull Systems**

- Kanban cards
- Second link cards













# Recycling Program

ISO 14001 Waste Audit Inspections Factory Area Audit Sheet

Date:	Thursday, March 19, 2015				
Auditor(s):	Phil Stewart/ Belinda Silva				

		Waste Streams Audited								
Area	Landfill Waste	Paper & Cardboard	Plastic	Bottles & Cans	Wood	Repackaging Materials	Metal	Aerosol Cans	5 Randomly Selected Personal Landfill Bins	
		Compliance %	Compliance %	Compliance %	Compliance %	Compliance %	Compliance %	Compliance %	Compliance %	Compliance %
	uilding #4A-B	40%	93%	93%	87%	100%		93%		44%
F	actory %	46%	90%	96%	89%	100%	94%	94%	100%	70%

Departmental	Total	Total	Avg.	Department	Rank
Scoring	Bins	Score	Score	Compliance	
Building #4A-B Totals	38	138	3.63	73%	5



Major contamination: Recyclable goods were found in the landfill waste bins through out the department ex. cardboard, plastic and paper. Personal landfill waste bins were contained with recyclable goods. Plastic bins were contaminated with trash. Martha assisted with the inspection.



# **Recycling Efforts**

### 2014 Results:

- Non-ferrous (copper, SS, aluminum) 53 tons
- Cardboard / Plastic 97 tons
- Steel 2000 tons
- Pallets Zero to landfill
- Total annual savings \$1.1M
- Trash to Landfill 69 tons (down from 86 tons in 2011)
- Recycling rate 97%, 99.3%

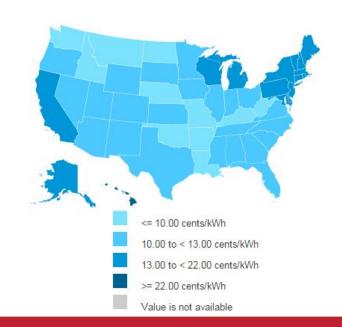


### **Energy Reduction Program**



Rankings: Average Retail Price of Electricity to Residential Sector, December 2014 (cents/kWh)





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#### **Energy Performance**

Goal

25%

Reduction in Energy Intensity by 2020

#### Commitment

Facilities, including 5 plants, covering 1.5 million square feet



Progress Goal Achieved

32% Cumulative (vs Baseline)

4% Annual (2013) New Goal (Starting in 2012)

20% Reduction in Energy Intensity by 2022

Data

View Details on Legrand's Progress to Date

**Showcase Project** 

Legrand, North American Headquaters West Hartford, CT

Implementation Model

Legrand's Playbook Submetering Initiative and **Energy Dashboards** 



#### RELATED LINKS

 Legrand Sustainability: Learn more about Legrand, North America's sustainability initiatives.



# **Energy Reduction Projects**

- •"Turn It Off" Now campaign
- Recommissioning program
- Boiler replacements
- Paint line makeup air changes
- Paint line insulation
- Submeters
- Weatherization
- Lighting controls
- Restroom motion sensors
- Demand control ventilation CO2 sensors
- Re-lamping of all office areas (32w to 25w)
- Small compressor overnight runs
- Inductive lighting in parking lots
- Air leak repair program



Ranked #48



**Visibility** 

#### Many important visitors:



West Hartford Energy Task Force

State Senator Beth Bye (Asst. Majority Leader)



Congressional staffers from: CT, NH, IL, MS, TN, AK, DE





**US Senator Richard Blumenthal** 

<u>Legrand recognition / publication features:</u>













Recognition from US Dept of Energy, World Energy Engineering Congress, IETC Award

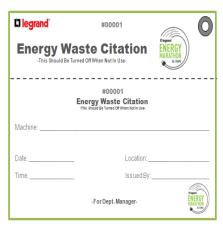


**Energy Marathon** 



- West Hartford recognized for a 20% reduction in off-hour energy usage
- ISO Team performed energy audits and issued energy citations





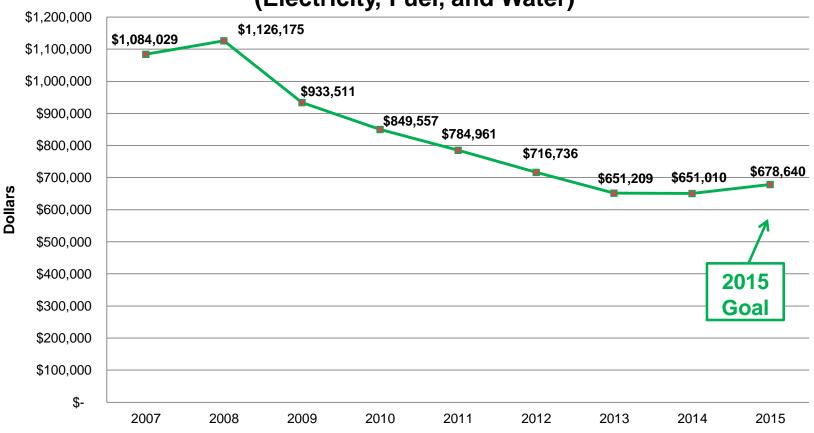




### **Energy Costs**

### **West Hartford Factory**

(Electricity, Fuel, and Water)





### Results: 2007-2014

- Sales down 5%
- Variable Costs down 37%
   (Production labor, services and supplies)
- Fixed Costs down 41%
   (Salary wages, support labor, building services, depreciation)
- Energy Costs down 40%
- Average Capital Employed down 50%
- Adjusted Operating Income up 62%

### **Breaking Through Walls**

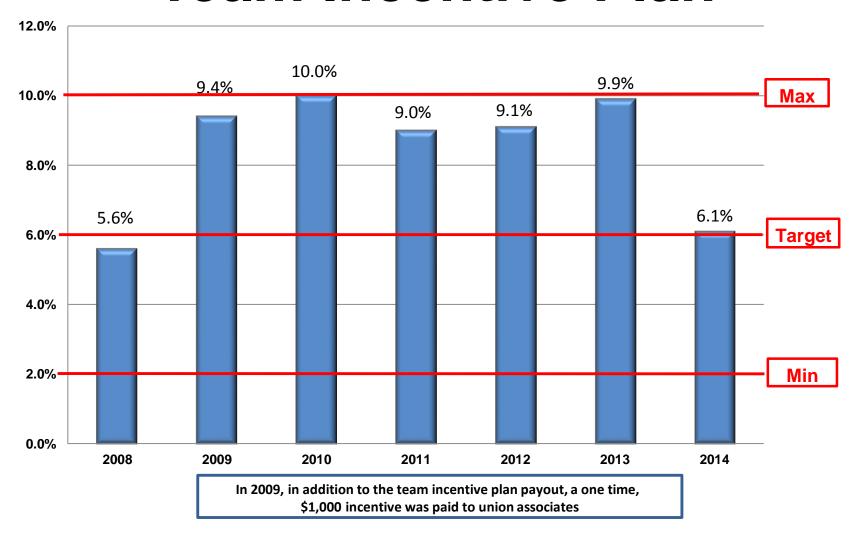
"You either change or you don't. You have to recognize that there are inherent risks. It's scary. But so is doing nothing and waiting for the company to die slowly."

-Art Byrne, CEO, 2000





### **Team Incentive Plan**





# **Better Communities Program**

#### **Rebuilding Together Hartford Fall Cleanup (2014)**

- 10 Volunteers spent 4 hours cleaning up an elderly Hartford woman's home
- Raked leaves, trimmed hedges, cleaned gutters, pressure washed siding and gathered debris from back yard

















# **Better Communities Program**

The Arc of the Farmington Valley (2014)







### **Thank You!**

A link to the full conference survey will be emailed to you Tuesday afternoon.

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