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North Star BlueScope Steel Sponsors Tent City, Helps Homeless

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DELTA, OH – North Star BlueScope Steel (NSBSL) sponsored and provided volunteers for Tent City 2021. Hosted by 1Matters.org, the event helps needy people in the Toledo area.

In early October, North Star's Community Relations team collected winter clothing for Tent City. NSBSL also donated \$2,500 and sent ten volunteers to the event, which took place October 22nd through 24th.

Held annually, Tent City provides food, clothing and critical documents for Toledo's homeless, plus a variety of services, including medical, dental, haircuts and assistance with housing. The event serves 800 to 1,100 people each year and draws 400 volunteers.

Joe Porter, Roll Shop Team Leader at North Star, said, "This was an amazing weekend. People just wanted to talk and make friends. I heard a lot of good stories."

One man was a former Marine who was homeless and needed an ID. Joe said, "So I walked him to the ID tent and helped him get the paperwork. The next day, he was a different person, more talkative. At the end of the weekend, he gave me a hug. I would encourage everyone to participate in opportunities like this. Go out and be part of it."

NSBSL's Nick Eddy also volunteered at Tent City and was amazed at the different services provided. He said, "And just the simple things, like a warm meal, a hot cup of coffee or a haircut. Things that make you feel human. It's hard to accept that there are people who served our country living on the streets."

Nick is a Mechanical Technician at NSBSL and a United States Navy Veteran. He said, "It was very rewarding just being a part of the entire event. I would definitely be a part of it again next year."

1Matters organizes several programs to help homeless people, including Tent City, Project Connect, 1Works and National Homeless Veterans Housing. To learn more or make a donation, visit

[1Matters.org](https://www.1matters.org).

About North Star BlueScope Steel

Established in 1996, North Star BlueScope Steel is a highly productive steel mill that uses leading-edge technology and processes to produce more than 2 million tons of coiled steel every year. The company delivers hot-rolled bands to coil processors, cold roll strip producers, original equipment manufacturers, the steel pipe and tube industry and steel service centers. North Star places a special emphasis on community and company culture. Employees enjoy an onsite fitness center, weekly bonus plans, profit sharing and pension plans, plus health, dental and life insurance. Tuition reimbursement is available for approved college courses.

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