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Gerflor holds out hand of help for food centre

Graiguercullen Parish Priest Father John Dunphy in County Carlow, Ireland had been so moved by the plight of people calling to his door looking for food that he spearheaded plans and established the first meal centre in the Carlow/Graiguercullen area.

It was a level of suffering that easily came to the attention of local flooring and tiling contractor MW Kane Tiling Contractors, based in neighbouring County Kildare. One telephone call easily got the attention of international flooring and interiors specialists Gerflor who immediately wanted to help by donating product to this hugely worthwhile project.

Father Dunphy commented at the time, "A lot of people were coming to my door and saying they're hungry. It's a frightening situation. We have done this so that people don't have to go to bed hungry," explained Father Dunphy. He went on to comment, "We are very conscious that there is a need for this."

The shocking reality facing families has also led to plans to hand out food parcels locally and eventually, hot meals to children and their parents at the new meal centre. Providing the flooring free of charge for this much-needed facility would be where Gerflor could make a positive contribution to these charitable efforts and also help out the local community.

Michael Kane explained, "I was contacted directly by Father Dunphy regarding this charitable project having had the pleasure of working with him on several occasions in the past."

The Graiguercullen project would need approximately 70sqm of Gerflor's hugely successful Tarasafe™ flooring. With more than 70 years' experience, Gerflor's expertise in safety flooring and is unrivalled. The Tarasafe™ vinyl safety flooring range is available in over 80 finishes. Using mineral crystal particles, rather than the industry standard carborundum, Tarasafe™ has improved performance, it's easier to install, lighter and more flexible to handle. It is 100% recyclable and contains recycled materials. Tarasafe™ provides permanent slip resistance, meets HSE guidelines and has a group T (K5) wear rating, ideal for heavy traffic commercial use.

Michael Kane went on to further say, "Apart from the fact that Father Dunphy is a very difficult man to refuse, it was a privilege to be asked and an honour to be associated with such a deserving cause." He further adds, "We were extremely happy as we always are with the results having had the support of Gerflor on this project. Their vast and competitively priced range never fails to satisfy our customer's needs, and in turn ours."

The Tarasafe™ range also has a maximum hygiene rating meeting the EN Standard 22196 for anti-bacterial activity (E. coli - S. aureus - MRSA) (3) returning >99% levels of growth inhibition and anti-slip performance R10. Suitable for a wide variety of uses requiring the highest levels of slip resistance, hygiene, performance and aesthetics and comes with a 12 year warranty.

Michael Kane finally said, "We have been in business for more than 50 years and throughout three generations in the flooring trade we have remained loyal customers of Gerflor with good reason."

In the coming weeks, they will hand out food parcels containing basic items such as bread, milk, cheese, fruit, sugar, tea and more to families in need around the county. It is hoped that the food parcels will be ready for distribution one day a week by early November. And in the months to come, a hot food kitchen will be opened to provide warm meals to distressed families which is where Gerflor's Tarasafe™ safety flooring will make its mark.

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