

Have you ever wondered where the plexi glass and face shields you now see all around come from? Although you may not agree with the idea of wearing masks and having plexiglass in between people, behind just one simple sheet of plexiglass there is so much hard work and effort that the business Amerilux has put into their sheets of plexiglass. Amerilux is a sensational business that sells plexiglass around Wisconsin but they have done so much more than you can even imagine. Amerilux has been a force of good. This is because they have done good things for their employees, they have done good things for other businesses and organizations, and they have done good things for the community.

First of all, Amerilux has been a force of good because they have done good things for their employees. One reason is that they have flexibility for their employees. They have offered many opportunities for their employees to work from home and use flexible hours to complete their work in case of child care needs or other constraints. Amerilux employee Megan Callies did an interview for Amerilux in 2020, the start of covid. She said “I extremely appreciate the flexibility; I have no idea what I would have done otherwise.” Amerilux has also made a pledge to their employees at the beginning of the pandemic that they were not going to have any layoffs, it was very hard for them to accomplish but they did it! However, they did have some big customers shut down, but this did not stop them. They were able to reassign the employees in these areas to other departments and they have kept all their workers employed. Thus we can say that Amerilux has done good things for their employees during this hard time of the pandemic.

Secondly, Amerilux has been a force of good because they have done good things for other businesses and organizations. The company Amerilux has donated to many organizations, one example is the CVC, the Cassandra Voss Center. The CVC is located on the St. Norbert College campus, and it houses Women and Gender Studies programs for the college. Kurt Voss

is the founder of Amerilux, and the CVC was named after his daughter who unfortunately died in a car accident. Each year the company Amerilux generously provides to the organization by fundraising for the building. Furthermore, the many businesses that Amerilux has worked with appreciated their work. The MNS1 Express wrote a 5 star review on Amerilux that said, “Amerilux is a great partner to work with. Joe, Pat, and Shelly are amazing people, very good in communication, friendly, and always ready to help. Looking forward to working more!” This evidence suggests that Amerilux has done good things for other businesses and organizations.

Third of all, Amerilux has been a force of good because they have done good things for the community. In addition, other than all of the charities they have done for other businesses and organizations, Amerilux’s workers have done so much more than just sell plastic sheets for their customers. Although the plastic sheets they are making for the community are helping immensely, they have done so much more for the community. Some people may think that the pandemic and politics for the election this year would’ve brought many businesses down, but this is not the case for Amerilux. For example, Kurt Voss is a leader who spreads kindness and respect throughout his work in the community. During this difficult year since Covid-19 hit, many people have ignored setting their differences of their political views aside, and fought about who should become the new president starting in 2021. Mr. Voss and his business friend, Sachin Shivaram, do not have the same political view but have come together to do what's best for business and the community. Mr. Voss supports Donald Trump, while Sachin supports Joe Biden. The fact that they are coming together to show how it doesn’t matter what political view you have, and everyone should accept each other shows that both Mr. Voss and Sachin have great maturity and kindness. The way Mr. Voss has handled everything going on during this time

reflects on the way he and his workers are running the company Amerilux. This illustrates how Amerilux has done good things for the community.

In conclusion, Amerilux has been a force of good. This is because they have done good things for their employees, they have done good things for other businesses and organizations, and they have done good things for the community. During the pandemic Amerilux has been amazing with helping others and showing people that everyone just needs to come together and stop arguing over politics along with other issues. Their plexiglass has helped many people in the community, but they have done so much more than just sell plastic sheets. What could you do to support the company Amerilux?

#### Citations

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