

Twenty Ways They Impact Their Community

Chehalis, WA --- Garth Haakenson and Debbie Williams reach a milestone at Pacific Mobile Structures this month that most businesspeople never reach in their career. Finding anyone who stays with the same company for twenty years or more is like finding a diamond in the rough in the 21st century. When the owners found Garth, who would eventually run his family's company and then found Debbie who would later manage one of its branches it was like finding a penny, picking it up, putting it in your shoe and having good luck; not just for that day, but for every day throughout the next two decades. This duo works diligently at two different jobs; yet they share one very simple commonality; their passion for the company and the community it serves. Garth started at PMSI September 5th, 1995 as a salesperson; not to mention his cleaning and construction days through his schooling. Debbie came on board two days later as a receptionist. Garth now runs the corporation and its eight branches across four western states and Texas. Debbie now manages one of those branches. In the service industry, you never know who you might meet and whose life you might change forever. Just ask, former waitress and banker, now Chehalis Branch Manager, Debbie Williams; Debbie first met Dick and Jean Haakenson as their bank teller. Years later she became a receptionist for their family-owned modular business. Today, she celebrates 20 years with the company as a Branch Manager. Debbie lives the company values daily. She says it's crucial to be great and build trust, "I believe you need to be trustworthy to be respected and always own up to your shortcomings and learn from those around you." Her boss says Debbie's top value radiates through her enthusiasm. Garth Haakenson says, "She always keeps a positive attitude when she is faced with a challenge." Debbie's memories with the company are countless, but one clearly brings it back to what makes PSMI a special place to work. Debbie recalls a co-worker losing her husband. Debbie says the team rallied together for a work party to help that co-worker, that friend, that family member, get her farmland back in order and cleaned up.

Debbie Williams: mother of four, grandmother of six and happily married bride of 35 years, beams proudly about her family. Debbie says all the people above define her family, as she looks forward to growing with PMSI into her third decade on the job.

Speaking of family, Garth Haakenson, celebrates his 20-year anniversary happily as Pacific Mobile Structure's President and CEO. This leader did not take the easy route to the top. Haakenson proudly speaks as a Western Washington University alum of his Vikings. The Business Finance Major may fool his three

teenage daughters on the basketball court as he can still drive to the hoop; but he never fooled his dad who hired and gradually saw him make his way up the ladder of this family-owned business. Garth has held a dozen jobs on his way to his current post; holding true to the company values along the way. He takes most pride in the feat of starting a branch operation from scratch just before the turn of the century.

Major Projects Sales Representative Patrick Allen says his boss leads the way by serving all. Garth strives to serve while being great for others. Allen says one way of serving is caring for the employees and he appreciates how PMSI “celebrates our success.” Based on the picture shared below, it’s no surprise Patrick recalls a road trip when one celebration included fellow colleagues busting out Pearl Jam, Soundgarden and Rage on a road trip, right along with their boss who, Allen says “never lets you forget that work can be and is fun.” Congratulations to Garth and Debbie on this milestone as they both look to lead PMSI into the next decade!



Garth Haakenson,
President/CEO
...in his Pearl Jam days.



Debbie Williams receives 20 year certificate
from Cheryl Thompson, Vice President of
Rental Division.