Stanker & Galetto Celebrates Completion of Warehouse Construction for Misfits Market Headquarters

Ethan Byler, Executive Vice President, Stanker & Galetto

Stanker & Galetto, a family run private construction management company for more than 75 years, recently announced the completion of construction on Phase Two of our industrial warehouse facility in Delanco Township, Burlington County. The current home to Misfits Market's headquarters, in the fall of 2019, Stanker & Galetto set out to develop 255,000 square feet of warehouse space. The initial 159,000 square feet phase one construction project was completed in August of 2020, and the second phase, adding an additional 95,000 square feet of space to the Misfits Market warehouse, was completed in February 2021.

The former site of the Dietz & Watson facility, a partnership with RLS Logistics, which shares warehousing and freezer space on the lot, will enable Misfits Market to expand their growing food distribution services nationwide.

Delanco Township, a community of more than 4,000 residents, suffered the loss of large industrial employer Dietz & Watson when their facility was destroyed by fire in 2013. Dietz & Watson subsequently relocated their headquarters, along with hundreds of jobs, across the river into Philadelphia, leaving a vacant lot and creating an opportunity for Stanker & Galetto to develop the site.

The ability to make an impact in the Delanco community made this an attractive redevelopment project for us. We could not be more pleased with the outcome of the project to support the growth of two of South Jersey's most exciting growth companies in RLS Logistics and Misfits Market and in a community that needed a strong rebound after the loss of Dietz & Watson.

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Misfits Market, an affordable online grocer, first ran growing opportunities, and creating jobs - this is its operations from a North Philadelphia warehouse. The burgeoning business and economic significance of their service necessitated immediate expansion. Having faced setbacks during the attempted renovation of a property in Pennsauken, followed by a spike in demand from the COVID-19 pandemic, Misfits Market partnered with Stanker & Galetto to pursue alternatives that would support their operational growth. Our firm presented Misfits with an opportunity for a new build comprised of two phases, the first of which would be fully operational in 10 months. It was a promise we kept, enabling occupancy in August 2020.

"On the heels of our Series B, we wanted to invest in scaling our operations but needed a development partner who could execute with precision and keep up with our lightning-fast pace," said Chris Nelson, Chief Operating Officer at Misfits Market. "It was a tall order and Stanker & Galetto proved to be an agile and responsive partner who exceeded our expectations."

The development project has created an incredible opportunity for the Township of Delanco, during a time when many businesses find themselves under severe stress as a result of the economic fallout of a global pandemic.

"Misfits Market and Stanker & Galetto literally put new life into the site of the former Dietz & Watson facility, and have developed it into a state-of-the-art headquarters and warehouse that employs hundreds of people in the region" said State Senator Troy Singleton, who represents Delanco as part of the 7th

exactly the type of redevelopment we welcome and celebrate," the Senator added.

Kate Fitzpatrick serves on Delanco's Township Committee and was Mayor at the time of the partnership with Stanker & Galetto to redevelop the site. She adds "it was indeed a pleasure working with Stanker & Galetto and exciting to finally see this vision come to fruition in Delanco. It has definitely filled a much-needed resource by expanding our Industrial Zone and adding two great corporate neighbors, RLS Logistics and Misfits!"

The redevelopment project with Misfits Market is an ideal situation for the Township, County, and South Jersey. More than 300 employees moved from the Philadelphia location to the new headquarters, and an additional 300 jobs have been added since August. More than 400 of the workers Misfits employs are located right here in South Jersey, utilizing public transportation services such as the local Riverline to get to and from the workplace.

Kristi Howell, President & CEO of the Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce adds that "Burlington County is the perfect fit for this project to expand Misfits Market. This location provides convenient access to the transportation hubs needed for massive cross-country product distribution. addition, access to public transportation allows for many people from the region to take advantage of the employment opportunities offered by this visionary company."



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