

# Carlson Tool Celebrates 60 years of business

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**Cedarburg-** Carlson Tool & Manufacturing Inc. celebrated 60 years of continuous operation in early August as one of the area's largest employers operating as a family business since its inception. Employees gathered on the company's grounds to celebrate this milestone and share in the company's tradition of solid employment, family friendly culture, high customer satisfaction, and community support. Please refer to this link for more information [www.carlsontool.com/60](http://www.carlsontool.com/60)

"Manufactured items enable the very existence of modern society and yet are often taken for granted," said Jerry Edquist, President and CEO. "We create the backbone of the manufacturing system that produces many of our modern conveniences. It requires special tooling, molds, dies, and precision machined components. This is a large part of what we do at our facilities, with a workforce of 160 employees and an arsenal of high-tech equipment."

The company was founded by Jerry's father Carl Edquist in 1958, just one day after Jerry, number 7 of 8 children, was born. The company began operations in a small rented space in the center of Cedarburg until building at the current site in 1967, and grew in size and scope. Under Jerry's leadership since 1994, the company further blossomed into what are now two plants with a combined square footage of more than 100,000 square feet. Both plants operate two shifts and employ people from throughout southeast Wisconsin. The company has more than 500 active customers in several markets and international locations.

In addition, the company has continued a tradition of community involvement and has supported many local initiatives, including the Ozaukee Ice Center, the Cedarburg Cultural Center, Summer Sounds concert series, The Greater Cedarburg Foundation, The Cedarburg Art Museum, the new St. Francis Borgia grade school and the Cedarburg History Museum to name a few.

"We are grateful that we have been able to continue to operate as a manufacturing business and provide jobs that support families and lead to rewarding careers," Edquist said. "We would not be where we are today without all of our talented people."