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## Wenger and Marel Announce Philanthropic Gift

**SABETHA, KANSAS** – At the Greater Sabetha Community Celebration Gala on January 14, 2023 Wenger Manufacturing, along with its parent company Marel, announced the creation of the Wenger Marel Charitable Fund, a philanthropic charitable fund. The fund will support sustainable development and community investment for: 1) Reading and STEM Education; 2) Food, Nutrition, and Water; and 3) Community Support.

As part of the acquisition of Wenger Manufacturing Inc. in 2022, Marel proposed a philanthropic commitment of \$4 million. An agreement between Marel executives, the Greater Sabetha Community Foundation and GMCF was finalized to create the Wenger Marel Charitable Fund. An executive board will be formed to administer grants from the fund to the Sabetha community as well as other communities where Wenger has an industrial and employment presence.

Marel's philosophy for charitable giving and social participation is emphasized by this statement from their website: "Through partnership, Marel aims to empower external organizations, our customers and employees to support the communities in which we operate."

## **About Wenger**

Founded in 1935 in Sabetha Kansas, Wenger Manufacturing is the world's leading supplier of extrusion cooking systems and dryers used to process plant-based protein food, pet food, and aquatic feed. Wenger has offices, manufacturing, and service personnel in the Americas, Europe, and Asia to support customers globally.

## **About Marel**

Marel is the leading global provider of advanced equipment, systems and services to the fish, meat, and poultry industries. With offices and subsidiaries in over 30 countries and a global network of more than 100 agents and distributors, we work side-by-side with our customers to extend the boundaries of food processing performance. Our vision is of a world where quality food is produced sustainably and affordably.

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