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## Floor Restore in Bristow gives all year around

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Giving, David Ehrhardt explained, is simply part of life. Whether he, his wife and his company give to local individuals, to charities or to churches, Ehrhardt knows what they're giving is important.

Ehrhardt, owner of Bristow-based Floor Restore, firmly believes that givers gain. However, that's not why he gives. He and his wife Jen were raised with giving hearts and taught to follow their servants' hearts, through their Christian faith, to help others in need, he explained.

Floor Restore employees help others as well. Ehrhardt said he and his employees al-

ways set aside some time to help other people-through service.

Part of his giving campaign includes helping local elderly or disabled residents rake leaves in their yards, cleaning the sanctuary floors at Old Dominion Baptist Church, and cleaning the floors of Caribou Coffee-for its help providing coffee to the congregation at the church, he noted.

In addition, if Ehrhardt knows of someone in dire straits—such as a homeowner without a job who must sell a house quickly—he'll help... free of charge, if he can. Ehrhardt acknowledged he can't do everything gratis; he's got to make a living, but he believes

in the power of giving.

And, it doesn't stop with floors. Ehrhardt said his kids know a car stopped along the side of the road will prompt their dad to stop and help.

Ehrhardt remembered one recent evening, when it was dark and a car was stopped on the side of Linton Hall Road. Ehrhardt stopped and offered to help, even parking his truck so as to make sure the stranded motorist wouldn't get hit. Ehrhardt offered to help the gentleman who was struggling to change his tire.

Then, the gentleman's brother showed up and thanked Ehrhardt profusely. Ehrhardt then learned the stranded motorist was recovering from

triple-bypass surgery, wasn't really supposed to be out, but had convinced his brother to let him at least run up the street, just to get out of the house. The brother told Ehrhardt the motorist could have died—literally—if Ehrhardt hadn't stopped to help.

That's the kind of thing that touches Ehrhardt deeply. That's how he knows his motto, "givers gain," is true.

Money, he acknowledged, is necessary, but there's so much more to life. He truly believes in the power of giving, which is why he looks for opportunities to give back. If he can't provide a service, he likely knows someone who can.

He makes it a point to help locally, if possible.

Ehrhardt's Floor Restore business, at 12841 Braemar Village Plaza in Bristow, has been behind many initiatives to give back to the community, he noted. He can be reached at 703-349-5498.

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