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Mercom Corporation Donates Over \$150,000 in 2014

January 5, 2015, PAWLEYS ISLAND, SC – Mercom Corporation and the Mercado family announced today that they donated over \$150,000 to local organizations in 2014. They firmly believe in giving back with success.

Mercom was listed as 37th on Grant Thornton's South Carolina 100 in 2014, an annual ranking of the state's largest privately owned companies in association with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Mercom was ranked number 2667 on the 2014 Inc. 5000 with three-year sales growth of 141%. This was the 8th year in a row that Mercom has made the Inc. 5000 list.

There were four significant recipients of the funds. Coastal Montessori Charter School, a free public school choice open to elementary school Georgetown County students and established on Montessori and charter philosophies, received \$50,000. Teach My People, a non-profit organization that provides year round, high quality, organized programs that are spiritually driven to children at no-cost to their families, received \$45,000. Lowcountry Preparatory School, a coeducational K-3 through 12th grade program that excels at preparing students for college, for leadership, and for life, received \$35,000. Startup.SC brings state funds to the Grand Strand to build a technology startup community and received \$25,000.

"Mercom gives back with education and technology. Our support for the local community, children's education, and STEM programs is recognizable and we want our growth and success to be synonymous with our financial contributions to these fruitful organizations," said Betsy Chewning, Marketing and Vendor Relations for Mercom Corporation.

Established in 2000, Mercom Corporation is headquartered in Pawleys Island, SC and is certified by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) as a Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), Economically Disadvantaged/Woman Owned Small Business (ED/WOSB), and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). In addition, Mercom has a federal office in Fairfax, VA and satellite offices in Virginia Beach, VA and Charleston, SC.

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