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Dear IWDC Members,

I want to thank every Member for the contributions you made this year to Relgnite Hope. Their work with the underprivileged, troubled youth, and the homeless across this country is nothing less than astounding.

At the end of the Owners Meeting, we had raised over \$41000.00 in cash and supplies. These generous donations will help Relgnite Hope continue their good work into 2023 and allow them to put another mobile welding school on the roads in Southern California. Product donations came from many vendors, including the school receiving Weldmark products; this will bring brand awareness to new welders as they enter the workforce.

After the Owners' Meeting, Bryan Gentry approached me, asking how he could help the school further. This is what Bryan had to say.

*"We were impressed with the selection of Relgnite Hope as the charity for 2022. Seeing an opportunity to support this charity further, Maine Oxy worked with Vic from IWDC, South Jersey Welding Supply, and Encore Supply to develop a three-year program where Relgnite Hope will get new Miller Welding Machines. A little over \$240,00,000 of in-kind donation in the latest new equipment over the program's life. In addition, Maine Oxy will also provide each location with a new Hypertherm Powermax65 Sync each of the three years. The three of us are happy to make this a home run in support of Vic and make Relgnite Hope a new record for IWDC charity giving. A special thanks to ITW Miller for helping us to make this happen."*

I was shocked and amazed at the generosity displayed by Bryan Gentry and Dan Guerin, going out of their way to help this worthy charity, and I can't thank you enough.

I would like to recognize a few members who made this year's charity a success! Ben Anderson at Encore Welding Supplies for assisting in delivering the product to the school. Ben was also a big help by visiting the school in Southern California for me; his passionate words about the school deeply enamored me to help the school. Bryan and Dan at Maine Oxy and Bob Thornton from South Jersey Welding Supply, for your foresight and willingness to help improve the good work that Relgnite Hope is doing.

I am also pleased to announce that the IWDC, in conjunction with Maine Oxy, will support the Travis Mills Foundation in 2023. We look forward to helping Travis touch the lives of military families as they go through tough times.

**Look for more information coming soon on the Travis Mills Foundation.**

Sincerely,  
Vic Wilson - Director of Marketing & Gas Programs

