



1960 - Stevens Cabinets... Now ARC



1972 - Stevens moved across the street!



1977 - And Stevens grew!



1982 - And grew!!



In the beginning



1956 - Stevens Beginnings Workshop by day... Garage by night!



Today



1988 - And grew!!!



1991 - And grew along with the village of Teutopolis!!



1994 - Rail building

"It's been a long journey from the early days of Stevens!"

Stevens Industries, Inc., was founded in 1956 by Charles 'Chuck' Stevens. In 1998 ownership was transferred to Tom Wegman, President, when he and his team of associates purchased the company. Stevens Industries proudly created an opportunity for employee ownership of Stevens' stock. On August 8, 1998, 46% of the total shares of the company's outstanding stock was purchased by an Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP").

Stevens Cabinets began as a small woodworking shop in Teutopolis, building traditional frame wood cabinetry. The business relocated to another facility (the current ARC building), allowing entrance into the commercial/industrial markets with a proprietary cabinet line established for school market applications.

The 1970s proved influential in the future direction of the company. Additional employees and engineering staff were employed. Traditional frame cabinets changed to cabinets laminated inside and out. A major company decision was made in 1972 to abandon traditional all-wood finished

cabinets in favor of laminate-clad frameless casework. With the frameless cabinets and panel processing, Stevens moved further towards institutional application. Stevens Cabinets began producing a full complement of commercial institutional frameless casework, which remains a major portion of the business today. A new era began for Stevens Cabinets and new facilities were built around this type of product line. In 1976, the company had its first exposure to pre-laminated panels. Major process changes were needed to cut and work with this material. At that time, approximately thirty employees worked for the company. Another plant expansion in 1978 added approximately 77,000 square feet of production space.

Stevens improved their position in the marketplace in 1979 with the purchase of their first melamine press. Additional production capabilities were added, allowing the company to enter into new markets as a laminate supplier to the woodworking industry. An industry publication in 1979 mentioned Stevens as "a United States leader in the

manufacturing of laminated particleboard." This reputation still holds true today. At this time, the company's name was changed to Stevens Industries, Inc. With the completion of a fifteenth building expansion in 2000, Stevens Industries, Inc. now comprises approximately 400,000 square feet of production space on nearly 31 acres and still located in Teutopolis, Illinois.

It has been a long journey from the early days as Stevens Cabinets to the Stevens Industries, Inc of today. Stevens Industries, Inc., now a 51 year old company with 550 employees, continues to be privately held and locally owned with substantial ownership by the employees through an employee stock ownership plan. Since inception, Stevens has lived up to the standards of quality products, on-time delivery, competitive prices and customer satisfaction. In the beginning of the business and continuing through the journey, the most important asset of Stevens Industries, Inc has been people: people in the community and people employed at Stevens.

