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Giving back for anniversary

Many companies and individuals celebrate themselves at significant milestones. Not **Shari Stein**, principal interior designer and owner of **DesignTeam Plus (DTP)**, 975 E. Maple Road in Birmingham, along with partner **Harold Remlinger**. With a passion for community and philanthropy infused into the DNA of the architecture and interior design firm, to commemorate DTP's 10th anniversary, Stein and her fellow employees marked the day by volunteering at Yad Ezra of Berkley, a food pantry where seeds for the future business were planted through volunteerism. "We've always prioritized volunteerism," said Stein. "So when we thought about how to celebrate our 10th anniversary, it made sense to go back to where we started and do what we love to do – giving back," said Stein. Employees spent an afternoon working in the commercial-grade greenhouse that they designed, washing and bagging vegetables for food pantry clients. Stein's connection with Yad Ezra began in 2010 as an instructor with Lawrence Technological University, when she brought her college and area high school students to the food pantry to design an outdoor mural and other similar projects. "We believe in volunteerism; it's a foundational value for DesignTeam Plus," said Remlinger.

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