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## Bison Gearmotor Plays Pivotal Role in Raising Funds for Charity

Windmill playhouse raises \$10,000 at auction to help rehabilitate low-income and elderly housing

St. Charles, IL - July 23, 2009 - An elaborate playhouse featuring a Bison gearmotor powered windmill sold for \$10,000 at auction, with one hundred percent of the proceeds used to provide free home repair services for the elderly and low-income homeowners in the San Francisco Bay Area. The "Molino of La Mancha" playhouse was designed by Topos Architects of Palo Alto, California, who selected a [Bison Gear](#) gearmotor to power the windmill on still days. The gearmotor Bison donated to the project is from the [VWDIR23](#) series of right angle, variable speed drives.



The Don Quixote-inspired windmill was sold at the Dreams Happen auction which is the primary fundraiser for the Rebuilding Together Peninsula charity that provides free home repair services for those in need. The primary recipients of their services are senior citizens, single parents, grandparents raising grandkids, the disabled, low-income families with children, veterans, children caring for ailing parents and the sick or poor in health.

"Bison Gear is always happy to support such worthy causes with product donations," said Sylvia Wetzel, Bison Gear chief learning officer and president of BisonCares. "After all, we're soliciting product donations for the silent auction portion of our [4th Annual Jeffrey Bullock Memorial Golf Tournament](#) which benefits the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation and Lazarus House serving the homeless."

## About Bison Gear & Engineering Corp.

Founded in 1960, Bison Gear & Engineering Corp. designs and manufactures fractional horsepower electric motors, gearmotors and gear reducers used in industrial and commercial OEM applications worldwide. Bison's strong engineering tradition, based on Robusticity™ principles, offers products with up to twice as much torque in the same package size as competitors. Bison's St. Charles, Illinois integrated production facility manufactures gearmotors and reducers in parallel shaft and right angle configurations, as well as AC and DC electric motors, for applications where dependability and long lifetimes are important.

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## About BisonCares

BisonCares is a 501(C)3 Nonprofit Organization "Powered by the hearts of Bison Gear employees." Initially established as a response by Bison Gear employees to the tragedy of hurricane Katrina, BisonCares has expanded its support to the Toys for Tots program, feeding the hungry in Northern Illinois, and other health research, education, social, religious and animal welfare efforts that improve the quality of life. [www.BisonCares.com](http://www.BisonCares.com)

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