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This IREM Chicago Industry Partner Spotlight profile features The Patching People. Chicagoland's leading asphalt reconstruction company that provides complete pavement services. Being in the business for over 36 years, we are equipped and experienced to do YOUR project.

The company was founded by Jim Peterson in 1974 and started as a small patching company but grew during the 80's and early 90's by updating their equipment and adding skilled and talented people. The Patching People's VP, Dan Whalen, shares, "I feel what sets us apart from most construction companies is the number of milling machines we own and all of the work is completed by our in-house crews. We specialize in parking lot reconstruction, milling and paving of existing parking lots. 100% communication and working around schedules to complete the work in a smooth manner with minimum disruptions for our clients is our number one priority. We are looking forward to 2022, and in April I will be starting my 41st year with The Patching People! If you enjoy what you do it doesn't really feel like work!

A few years ago, I suffered a detached retina and because of the complications from three surgeries I was very concerned that this was the end of my career! Part of the recovery was keeping your head down for 20 out of 24 hours a day!! For SIX WEEKS! In all of my sales and marketing ideas for The Patching People I never would have thought that one day I would be WEARING THE PATCH!

Instead of feeling sorry for me, the (Patching) people I work with stepped up BIG TIME! They helped drive me around for almost 4 months and helped on projects I was involved with, did whatever they could to make sure this Old Pirate stayed afloat. (Except for the part about buying me white shirts with puffed sleeves and saying AHOY to me each morning 😊) and still feel part of the team.

That's what really makes The Patching People special **THE PEOPLE !!**"



Pictured here: Dan, Cora, Amber, and The Patching People crew.