

# William R. Martin Jr. Walkway— Bricks Mark Contribution to Textile Education

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The new walkway at the AATCC Technical Center will honor Bill Martin, past executive director.

To continue its mission to enhance textile research, education, and scholarship, the AATCC Foundation created an opportunity for the Association's

USA. "I'm looking forward to it with great anticipation," said Martin during a recent tour of the grounds at the AATCC Technical Center. "I would like to share the experience

members and supporters to have their names inscribed in brick pavers and laid into the walkway leading to the Sundial Plaza at the AATCC Technical Center. The walkway is renamed the William R. "Bill" Martin Jr. walkway, in honor of our past AATCC Executive Director who served from 1973 to 1996. The walkway will be dedicated to Martin in a ceremony and luncheon held at noon, November 14, during fall committee meetings in Research Triangle Park, N.C.,

with the staff and long-time members—whoever will be here—it will be fun to see them. When you retire, that's one of the things you miss the most."

More than 90 generous companies, Association sections, individuals, and friends of AATCC have inscribed their names for posterity. The Association will provide bricks for all its past presidents, Chapin Award winners, and staff who have served the organization for 25 years or more—totaling more than 200 bricks to date.

Following the ceremony, the Foundation will continue to accept brick orders with all proceeds going to support textile education. For more information, contact AATCC Director of Business Development Perry Grady at +1 919 414 9260 or [gradyp@aatcc.org](mailto:gradyp@aatcc.org).

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Workers prepare the sundial plaza and walkway for more than 200 inscribed bricks. *Staff photo/M. Thiry.*