

Local business recognized for creating 40 jobs in Norwalk

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A Norwalk business continues to thrive in these somewhat sluggish economic times.

The local BackOffice DataFactory, led by Bill Thomas, is located at 16 Executive Drive.

“They started with about five employees in 2009 and have grown to nearly 40 employees,” said Ellen Heinz, Norwalk economic development director.

BackOffice Associates, a multi-million-dollar, Massachusetts-based data technology company that’s privately owned by a husband-and-wife team, has created 40 jobs in the town of Norwalk through their DataFactory located in the area, according to a press release. BackOffice Associates, founded by Trish and Tom Kennedy in 1997, is a \$120 million data technology business.

They offer data migration, master data management and data governance solutions to customers such as ExxonMobile, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft Foods and many more that are running on SAP, Oracle, PeopleSoft, etc. ERP systems.

In simple terms, they help big companies manage, make sense of and transfer all of their data.

The DataFactory part of the business is located in Norwalk and is the cloudbased data migration part of their business. This part of the operation helps companies transfer their data from one management system to another via software as a service.

On Wednesday, Mayor Sue Lesch and Heinz greeted Trish Kennedy, the company CEO, and Tom Kennedy, the company CTO and brains behind the technology, to thank them for their contributions.

“We are thrilled to have this outstanding high-tech company here in Norwalk,” Heinz added. “We feel so fortunate to have the Kennedys and Bill Thomas invest in our community and create these quality jobs,” she said.

Lesch was also excited to talk about the success of the business.

“It’s just a wonderful addition to the city’s business base,” the mayor said. “These are high-tech, good paying jobs that are attracting young professionals.

“We are grateful to Bill Thomas for saying, ‘Let’s do this in Norwalk Ohio,’” she said.

