

Home Depot Donates Landscaping Services to GUIDE

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In early August, the Home Depot Store in Hyattsville donated landscaping services to GUIDE's Trexler Group Home that is located in Lanham, Maryland. Home Depot provided and installed outside landscaping lights, cedar mulch for flower beds, circular brick pavers, and assorted flowers. Three of Home Depot's employees were involved in the project, and they spent the greater part of the mid-day on August 10th working at the Trexler home. According to the House Supervisor, Rita Slaughter, the beautification project "turned out really wonderfully," and both the residents and staff were very "surprised and excited by the improvements to the front of the house!" Everyone is appreciative of this gift from Home Depot that has contributed immensely to the overall beautification of the home. According to Stefanie A. Rupertus, GUIDE's Area Director for Adult Mental Health Programs, "having a comfortable and pleasant home in which to live makes a very positive contribution to the lives of our program participants and truly helps to enhance the wider community as well."

Trexler House is part of GUIDE's Independence Program, a psychiatric rehabilitation service located in the Lanham/New Carrollton area that provides psychosocial services and supportive living assistance to sixty-five Prince George's County citizens. Six program participants reside at GUIDE's Trexler House. The efforts of the GUIDE Independence Program to help its participants live and work successfully in the community were honored



this past May by the Prince George's County's Department of Family Services with the "Outstanding Residential Rehabilitation Program Award for 2006." GUIDE Program, Inc, a nonprofit, regional provider of mental health and social services, provided services to over 3,000 individuals last year, including at-risk children, youth, families, and disabled adults. GUIDE provides both residential and non-residential intervention services with programs operating in Prince George's, Montgomery, and Baltimore Counties, and Baltimore City. According to GUIDE's Executive Director, Scott Birdsong, the organization's mission is "to enrich lives, empower families, enhance communities, and embrace diversity." (Additional information about GUIDE can be found at www.GuideProgram.org.)