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Lowe's Heroes Volunteer to Bring Improvement to Playground

Children's Home receives grant to support campus improvement projects

Enterprise, FL - The Florida United Methodist Children's Home (FUMCH) is reaping the benefits from a Lowe's Heroes grant. Living up to its "Never Stop Improving" pledge, more than 10 employees from the Lowe's Orange City and Deltona store volunteered to help clean and spread three hundred bags of mulch throughout the children's playground inside the Independent Living area on FUMCH's Enterprise campus.

Arriving at 9 a.m., the Lowe's volunteers spread over 2 tons of mulch around the 1,500-square-foot playground. The Orange City and Deltona Lowe's stores participate in volunteer projects like this every year as part of an employee volunteer effort known as Lowe's Heroes.

Lowe's Heroes is a company-wide volunteer program that offers its employees the opportunity to support their local community improvement projects. The program has been in effect since the late 1990s and according to company officials, last year alone, Lowe's Heroes were responsible for completing more than 1,300 community and education projects throughout North America. Lowe's contributed more than \$1.3 million in materials to support these projects.

"We take great pride in improving the communities we serve," said John Andrews, a Lowe's representative. "We work hard to be a good neighbor and we're committed to supporting efforts that enrich the lives of our neighbors and customers. Heroes' projects are a win for everyone. Year-round, Lowe's Heroes are committed to helping community centers, parks, schools, non profits and other organizations complete projects that support the needs of their communities."



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The Children's Home is grateful for the efforts made by the Lowe's Heroes Program. This year alone, the Heroes grant has provided funds to purchase a multi-use bicycle stand, playground equipment and beautification materials. "We are extremely thankful for the support, and partnership with Lowe's," said Becky Dotson, CEO of the Children's Home. "These improvements to the campus will help many youth residing in our Independent Living program."

To read more about Lowe's Heroes' projects, visit www.lowes.com/socialresponsibility. The Lowe's Orange City store is located at 901 Saxon Blvd. and the Deltona store is located at 2170 Howland Blvd.

For more information about campus projects and ways to get involved at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, please contact volunteer relations supervisor, Lynn Bellomy, at 386.668.4774 or email, lynn.bellomy@fumch.org.

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