

Press Release

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THE TD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO GUIDE PROGRAM, INC. FOR GOING GREEN INITIATIVE

Laurel, Maryland, February 10, 2011 -- The TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank ®, has awarded the GUIDE Program, Inc., a grant of \$3,000 to help with the second phase of the agency's "Going Green Initiative." The gift will supplement grants approved for the project by the Maryland Energy Administration's 2011 EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities Grant Program and other grants and donations. Support from the TD Charitable Foundation will help GUIDE to meet its goals of becoming more environmentally friendly while allowing the nonprofit mental health organization to stretch financial resources further in meeting the agency's charitable mission.

The second phase of GUIDE's Going Green initiative involves working toward reducing overall energy consumption through weatherization retrofits to agency homes and offices, and by installing high efficiency appliances and mechanical systems wherever possible. Energy audits have been conducted on nine of the agency's facilities (eight in Prince George's County and one in Baltimore City) including six group homes that provide psychiatric residential rehabilitation services and housing for 35 adults with psychiatric disabilities; two group homes that provide therapeutic residential services to 12 adolescents with serious emotional disorders; and, the organization's main office in Laurel. Annual energy efficiency savings of 23.2% are projected from the project (saving 45,107 kWh in electricity and 2,539.61 Therms of natural gas annually). The project will provide a full return on investment in less than 10 years. Project costs are estimated in the neighborhood of \$111,056 with the Energy Administration funding likely covering up to one-half of the endeavor. GUIDE is looking to community and foundation support for the balance of the funding.

A staunch commitment to active involvement in the local community is a vital element of the TD Bank philosophy. TD Bank provides financial and other support to

educational, community, human service, arts, and health-related programs, many of which focus on improving the welfare of children and families.

GUIDE is a non-profit agency that has been actively providing behavioral health and social services in the region since 1968. Annually the agency serves over 2,000 children, youth, and families with emotional and behavioral health challenges, and adults with serious and persistent mental illness. In addition to providing community counseling and therapeutic services, the organization provides community living opportunities to youth and adults who require specialized and supported housing assistance resulting from mental and behavioral health problems. GUIDE operates programs located in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, as well as in Baltimore City although services can be offered throughout the Washington/Baltimore metroplex.



Kimberly Davis, TD Bank Vice President & Retail Market Manager (*2nd fr. lft.*) and Elizabeth Dakin-Davis, Laurel TD Bank Manager (*far lft.*) present TD Charitable Foundation contribution to GUIDE Program, Inc. for its Going Green Initiative. Receiving the contribution for GUIDE are Scott Birdsong, GUIDE's Executive Director (*ctr.*), and GUIDE's Development Director and CFO, James Gipson (*2nd from rt.*) and Swati Shah (*far rt.*).

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