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GUIDE RECOGNIZED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY AS PART OF NONPROFIT ENERGY ALLIANCE

ROCKVILLE, MD, JULY 6, 2010: GUIDE Program, Inc. was recognized today by Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and County Councilmember Roger Berliner for its part in the Montgomery County NonProfit Energy Alliance. The NonProfit Energy Alliance was created to assist nonprofit organizations located in Montgomery County and its neighboring jurisdictions in organizing and negotiating as a group for cheaper and greener electricity. GUIDE and the other 13 participating pilot agencies have made an energy purchase of what will be more than two million kilowatt hours of electricity that in aggregate will save participants nearly \$178,000 while offsetting significant amounts of greenhouse gas emissions. Now, 50% of the electricity used by GUIDE will be generated by wind power saving the agency 13.5% in electricity costs this next year. GUIDE's commitment to purchase green power meets the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's requirements for the organization to be

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considered an "EPA Green Power Partner" -- a unique distinction for a local nonprofit mental health provider! The effort represents the first phase of GUIDE's overall goal to reduce its carbon footprint while making its critical mental health safety-net dollars go further during these financially challenging times.



Scott Birdsong, Executive Director of GUIDE is presented a certificate of appreciation by Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and County Councilmember Roger Berliner in Rockville, July 6th, 2010 for GUIDE's role in the NonProfit Energy Alliance.

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