

## Mr. Handyman assists Oasis Center for Women

As part of the National Day of Service, technicians from Mr. Handyman of the Metro East performed 30 total hours of repair and maintenance jobs on Monday, Sept. 10, all without collecting a single penny in labor costs.

Located in a former hotel, the Oasis Women's Center in Alton, Ill., provides a safe shelter for women and children threatened by domestic violence. On average, the Center houses 10 families. As part of the National Day of Service, three technicians from Mr. Handyman of Metro East will provide much needed repair services to the Center, which include installing curtains in the children's play area, concealing piping that poses a risk to children, constructing shelving units and wiring lighting in the kitchen, among many other handyman jobs.

This project is an example of a national effort through Mr. Handyman, where technicians from coast to coast are encouraged to reach out to a special local charity, organization, or individual in need to offer their services in fixing up living areas, kitchens, bathrooms or anything else that comes to mind. All projects will take place the week of Sept. 10, 2012.

"We are thrilled to be working with the Oasis Women's Center as part of Mr. Handyman's National Day of Service campaign," said B.J. Meyers, owner of the Mr. Handyman of Metro East. "We are always looking for ways to give back to our community and we are excited to be a part of a national operation to help those in need."

The National Day of Service and Remembrance was established in 2009 as a way to encourage Americans to participate in service and remembrance activities on the 9/11 anniversary. This year, more than one million Americans are expected to serve in their communities in honor of 9/11, according to United We Serve, a national organization that supports the cause. The day is part of President Obama's request to renew America through volunteerism.

This marks the fourth consecutive year Mr. Handyman has rallied around the cause, donating a combined 2,400 hours of labor to groups in need over the past three years.

"Our brand is made up of local entrepreneurs who thrive in their communities, and there's no better time for our franchisees to give back than on this day," said Alex Roberts, President of Mr. Handyman. "During this time, it's important to show the country what we're capable of - honoring the lives and memories of 9/11 heroes past and present."

For more information, go to <http://www.mrhandyman.com/national-day-of-service.aspx>.