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GE Capital Volunteers from Norwalk Office Perform Service for STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way...



September 15, 2009: Twenty-two employees from the Norwalk office of GE Capital spent last Wednesday painting the exterior of one of the group homes for Norwalk's STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way... The home, which accommodates five residents with developmental disabilities, is one of several Norwalk properties owned and operated by STAR's Residential Services program,

which provides residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities throughout Southwestern Fairfield County, encouraging their independence and self-sufficiency.

GE Capital employees assisted with the project in two shifts and completed the paint job in one day, under the direction of STAR's Director of Operations, Bill Casale. Bill explains: "GE has supported STAR for many years, including this recent service project with GE Capital. We enjoy working with them—they are always energetic and professional—and it provides the opportunity to share our mission with outside organizations, as well as the community."

GE Capital is a subsidiary of General Electric, providing financing and services to business customers of all sizes to help them grow. Their synergistic product offerings include: equipment leasing and lending, inventory finance, fleet services and franchise finance, globally. Leveraging our deep industry and collateral expertise, our top priorities are excellent customer service and being a great strategic partner. GE Capital employees who participated in the project include: Kristen Oats, Emily Luxeder, Kolleen Johnsen, Valerie Pagliaro, Mark Browning, Joe Fallacaro, Russell Pickett, Dana Greenberg, Ashli Davis, Sean Renaghan, Jason Quinn, Marley Berns, Christine McGrew, Marvis Burns, Cristina Gaschino, Stephen Wojdyla, Danielle Konsten, Joann Dixson, Andrew Kuye, Jen Singleton, Rav Chanana, Amy Lorenz, and Tom Miele.

STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way is a not-for-profit organization serving individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, as well as providing support services to their families. STAR provides a wide range of programs and services to more than 500 children and adults with developmental disabilities, including Recreational Programs, Day Programs, Job Training and Placement, Social Services and Advocacy. STAR creates opportunities for individuals to live full lives with independence, freedom of choice and personal growth by providing support, services and advocacy. We inform and encourage the community to recognize and appreciate the value of all individuals.

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PHOTO: A group of GE Capital employees pitch in to paint a group home for STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way... Pictured are Kristen Oats, Emily Luxeder, Kolleen Johnsen, Valerie Pagliaro, Mark Browning, Joe Fallacaro, Russell Pickett, Dana Greenberg, Ashli Davis, Sean Renaghan, Jason Quinn, Marley Berns, Christine McGrew, Marvis Burns, Cristina Gaschino and Bill Casale, Director of Operations for STAR.