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THE CONTINENTAL GROUP TRANSFORMS
MIAMI FOSTER HOME FOR FIVE AREA TEENS

Property Management Company and its Volunteers Paint, Landscape, Repair and Decorate

MIAMI. – (June 30, 2009) – On Saturday, June 27, The Continental Group, a South Florida-based property management company, and dozens of its employees dramatically transformed a dilapidated foster home to a “dream house” for five Miami teenage girls and their house parent.

The “Continental Cares” group performed the “Home Makeover,” which included complete interior and exterior painting, landscaping, repairing the ceiling throughout the home, installing a new light fixture in the kitchen, cleaning and repairing the air conditioning, and decorating the teens’ rooms. The company estimates it donated approximately \$20,000 in goods and services for the makeover.

Now complete, the home bears little resemblance to what stood there before.

“We at The Continental Group understand the hardships experienced by foster children in our community and the challenges their home parents face in providing a stable environment,” said Hector Vargas, Continental Senior Vice President. “So, we’re more than pleased to oversee a project that will significantly enhance this foster home, enabling five teens to take more pride in the place they live.”

Continental learned of the home’s needs through its long-term relationship with Voices For Children, a not for profit organization that raises funds to ensure that every abused, abandoned, and neglected child in Miami-Dade County has a court appointed Guardian Ad Litem and that financial assistance and other resources are available for their accompanying health, educational, and social needs.

Bunchy Gertner, who serves on Voices' Board of Directors, described Continental's Home Makeover as an "ego booster" that would inspire the teens to live up to their new surroundings.

"I was thrilled to be a part of this exciting adventure as the makeover of this home is so much more than beautifying its interior and exterior," Gertner said. "Simply asking the girls what color they would prefer on their bedroom walls makes them feel important. The Home Makeover accomplishes so much more than the eye can see."

Assisting The Continental Group in the Home Makeover project was Continental Painting & Waterproofing, Lukes-Sawgrass Landscape, Service America Mechanical & Plumbing and Spectrum Paint Center.

Founded in 1990, The Continental Group's corporate headquarters is located in Hollywood, Fla. It also has regional offices in Boca Raton, Destin, Jacksonville, Jupiter, Kendall, Orlando and St. Petersburg. The company is the largest manager of multifamily rental communities and condominium and homeowner associations in the state, and one of South Florida's leading private sector employers. Today, The Continental Group manages and maintains more than 1,300 condominium and homeowner associations in Florida, representing over 310,000 residential units. To learn more about The Continental Group, call (954) 925-8200 or visit www.thecontinentalgroupinc.com.

In 2009, Voices celebrates 25 years of being the one, big difference in the lives of abused, abandoned, and neglected children. Be a part of it, visit www.voices4.org.

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