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Corporate Office Centers Launches Summer Needs Drive to Benefit Open Door Mission

HOUSTON (June XX, 2008) Corporate Office Centers®, one of the nation's largest executive suite operators, recently announced its partnership with Open Door Mission, a local faith-based recovery and rehabilitation shelter in Houston. Corporate Office Centers will collect in-kind donations from June 23, 2008 through August 31, 2008 on behalf of the mission.

During the summer months, nonprofit organizations such as the Open Door Mission experience a lull in donations, yet the need for donations does not decrease. The Open Door Mission, located in Houston's East End community, is in need of various items to support the residents within their rehabilitation programs as well as the citizens of the East End community that benefit from the Open Door Mission's free General Equivalency Diploma (GED) and Alcoholics Anonymous programs.

Corporate Office Centers will support the collection efforts for the Open Door Mission by providing the use of its following Houston area locations as drop-off sites to collect needed items:

- Uptown Center - 2100 West Loop South - Suite 900 - Houston, TX 77027
- Westheimer Center - 11200 Westheimer - Suite 900 - Houston, TX 77042
- Westside Center - 1001 South Dairy Ashford - Suite 100 - Houston, TX 77077

- South Shore Harbor Center - 2600 South Shore Boulevard - Suite 300- League City, TX 77573

Donations will be accepted from June 23, 2008 through August 31, 2008 during regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Donations can also be delivered directly to Open Door Mission at 5803 Harrisburg near downtown Houston.

“We are excited to partner with such a needed organization in Houston. By providing extra drop-off locations, we intend to build support and contribute to the success of the Open Door Mission. In addition to being an industry leader in executive office suites, Corporate Office Centers is committed to improving our local community” said Todd Kubecka, general manager and area sales director of Corporate Office Centers at Uptown.

The Open Door Mission serves 180 men, including 78 men who are committed to the Open Door Mission’s Alan & Ann Craft DoorWay Recovery & Rehabilitation Program.* This structured nine month, scripture-based program helps local Houstonians overcome drug and alcohol addictions. DoorWay Recovery is the only program in Texas to offer a multilevel approach to drug and alcohol recovery.

Open Door Mission’s Education Department continues to expand the tutoring and instruction of its residents, to include men and women from the Houston community who seek assistance in acquiring their GED. In the past three months, 90 percent of the students completed one or more educational level. Additionally, 42 people each day receive free educational assistance to ensure they have the ability and skills to enter the workforce upon graduating from the DoorWay Recovery Program.

“Donations are an integral part of the Open Door Mission’s overall success. We’re so grateful the Houston community is so generous. Thanks to their help, we’re able to give men a second chance at life and are also able to improve the lives of individuals in our neighborhood of the East End,” said, Rick Hill Executive Director of Open Door Mission.

In order for Open Door Mission to continue to provide programs for their residents and the Houston community, Open Door Mission is requesting the following donations:

In-Kind Everyday Items:

- Under Twin Size Mattresses
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Razor Blades
- Soap
- Shower Slippers
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Underwear
- Shoes
- Foot Powder
- Socks
- Cotton Blankets
- Twin Sheets & Comforters
- Pillows
- Towels
- Metro Money
- Note Pads
- Notebook Paper/ Spiral Notebooks
- Portfolio's (2-pocket)
- Webster's Dictionary (English & Spanish)
- Pens/Pencils/Highlighters
- Batteries AAA & AA
- Reading Glasses

Education Supplies:

- Beginners Spanish Lesson Books
- Hooked on Phonics
- Tape/CD player for reading and Spanish classes
- Office Supplies
- Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint lesson books
- First Aid Kit

Leisure Items:

- Tickets to community events
- Art Supplies: colored pencils, art tablets, pads, pastel paints and paint brushes

In-Kind Donations to operate the Programs:

- Office Supplies
- Cleaning Supplies

- Paper Goods: Styrofoam bowls, plastic utensils
- Laundry Soap

**The treatment and recovery services offered at Open Door Mission are exclusively religious in nature and are not subject to licensure or regulation by the Texas*

Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. This program offers only nonmedical treatment and recovery methods such as prayer, moral guidance, spiritual counseling and scriptural study.

About Open Door Mission

Established in 1954 by “Brother Bob” and Emilia Finnegan, Open Door Mission serves as a faith-based all-programs emergency relief and rehabilitation center dedicated to transforming the lives of homeless, addicted, destitute or disabled people in the Greater Houston area.

The Open Door facility includes residential quarters, health clinic, convalescent care center, chapel, classrooms, a kitchen complete with a chef and three square meals each day, and a physical fitness program. With these tools, Open Door Mission strives to bring about positive life changes for the people they serve through their structured programs, focusing on spiritual renewal, recovery from substance abuse, education and job training, and job placement.

For more information about Open Door Mission, please visit www.opendoorhouston.org.

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