

Mr. Handyman of DeBary, Lake Mary, and Winter Springs to Donate Repair Work for National Day of Service

Sanford, FL – As part of the National Day of Service, technicians from the Mr. Handyman of DeBary, Lake Mary and Winter Springs will perform 16 hours of repairs and maintenance jobs on Sept. 9, all without collecting a single penny in labor costs.

The local Mr. Handyman franchise, owned and operated by Chad Olson, has made Safehouse of Seminole the day's primary beneficiary. Safehouse of Seminole provides a confidential safe place for victims of domestic violence and their children, and its aim is to generate long-term social change. Olson's staff of technicians will spend the day painting, conducting carpentry tasks and performing general cleanup and repair services.

The project is an example of a national effort through Mr. Handyman, where technicians from Los Angeles to Washington D.C., have organized local repair projects that will all take place Sept. 9 for children's hospitals, domestic violence shelters, homes of military veterans, and other groups in need across the country.

"We are thrilled to be working with Safehouse of Seminole for the third consecutive year as part of Mr. Handyman's National Day of Service campaign," said Olson. "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 organizations 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 1 million Americans are expected to serve in their communities in honor of 9/11, according to [United We Serve](#), a national organization that rallies behind the cause. The day is part of President Obama's request to renew America through volunteerism.

This marks the third consecutive year Mr. Handyman has rallied around the cause, donating a combined 1,600 hours of labor to groups in need over the past two years. The franchise will use their skilled technicians' time with the local charities and hopes to build on that effort in 2011.

"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 Todd Recknagel, President and CEO of Mr. Handyman. "During this time, it's important to show the country what we're capable of – a day when we give something of great value to those who need us most."

About Mr. Handyman

Mr. Handyman is part of a network of independently owned and operated franchises with nearly 300 locations nationwide that provides commercial and residential property maintenance and repair services. Founded in March 2000, Mr. Handyman is a member of Service Brands International, a group of service companies that provide a variety of timesaving services ideally suited for today's active consumer. Mr. Handyman is seeking qualified franchise candidates in strategic communities throughout the country. *Entrepreneur* magazine has recognized Mr. Handyman as one of America's fastest growing, service-oriented franchise systems and the No. 1 handyman service. For more information, go to www.mrhandymanfranchise.com.

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