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NEW ZEN GARDEN FOR GATEWAY'S LINCOLN HOUSE

PAWTUCKET, RI – November 14, 2006 – Gateway Healthcare will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new Zen Garden built for the residents of the Lincoln House, a residential facility for adolescent girls, on Tuesday, November 21st. The garden was designed and constructed by several members of Leadership Rhode Island's Beta II class as part of their community project.

The Zen garden, made up of rocks, pebbles and gravel, was created to provide the residents with a calming place to meditate and relax. "For many of these girls, their lives have been disrupted by the traumas of abuse or neglect. Each day, they work on understanding and coping with their feelings in an appropriate manner. This garden allows them to have a quiet place to reflect on their day," said Carolyn Kyle, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives.

As part of Leadership Rhode Island's (LRI) mission of enabling positive change through community leadership, the Beta II class became involved with the Lincoln House project after hearing about the girls' goal of building a Zen garden, but lacking the resources to accomplish it. Several area businesses and individuals donated resources and supplies to make this project a success: American Biophysics Corporation; Fox Laminating Company; Wilfrid L. Gates, Jr. from Gates, Leighton & Associates, Inc.; Emile Giguere from Uni-Trans Transportation, Inc.; Central Nurseries; Costas Perdikakis; Barbara Petrarca; David Tikoian; and Gary Tikoian from Tikoian Corporation.

The LRI Beta II team will be presenting a dedication plaque to the Lincoln House at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Gateway's Lincoln House opened their doors in May of 2003. The house can accommodate up to eight girls with around-the-clock staff, including case managers, therapists and a house manager.

About Gateway Healthcare, Inc.:

Gateway Healthcare, Inc., a non-profit behavioral healthcare organization, provides a broad spectrum of preventative and treatment programs for children, adolescents, families, and adults throughout Rhode Island suffering from severe mental illness, substance abuse problems, and emotional and behavioral disorders. Gateway Healthcare, Inc. is headquartered in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

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