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ANADARKO JOINS THE UNITED WAY FOR 'DAY OF CARING' TO HELP MCYS

The Woodlands, Texas --- (August 3, 2009) --- Anadarko Petroleum Corporation joined the United Way for a Day of Caring on July 18, to give Montgomery County Youth Services (MCYS) in The Woodlands a much needed office makeover.

A group of 13 summer interns, Anadarko employees, friends and MCYS staff painted rooms and re-covered chairs at the agency's location in The Woodlands for this year's Day of Caring, a United Way event and one of Anadarko's year-round Servant Leadership opportunities in which employees volunteer their time to give back to the community in which they live and work.

Servant Leadership is one of Anadarko's core values, and this year their summer interns were anxious to serve alongside company employees in giving back to the community.

"We are so proud of our interns for partnering with The United Way to provide this Day of Caring to Montgomery County Youth Services," said Kim Lacayo, Director of Communications and Graphics at Anadarko. "MCYS can now serve our community in a freshly painted facility."

MCYS staff were excited to have the willing hands and hearts of Anadarko's employees and interns for a day of helping to make MCYS' offices a more welcoming and comfortable place for clients to come.

“We are so grateful for the help we received from Anadarko’s interns and employees,” said Chris Gritzmacher of MCYS. “These are very stressful times for the families we serve, but it adds a measure of comfort and support for them to be able to visit our office and see that we care about the quality of the environment we offer them. Our clients have all commented with excitement on how nice the office is now. I think it has been a real boost to morale for both our families and staff members.”

Gritzmacher continued, “All of the interns gave away a day of their weekend to do this, and each showed up with a great attitude, anxious to help. It was wonderful to hear the sense of pride they had for the result of their efforts. It was a day I’m sure they won’t soon forget.”

Anadarko’s interns have come from all over the country to spend their summer working at Anadarko in The Woodlands. Most commented that this was the first time they had ever painted or re-covered furniture. Interns who worked on this project were John Abeid, James Cyr, Emeka Egbuna, Kyle Hickey, Kristin Larkins, Dylan Malynn, Toyo Martins, Kruti Narvekar, Jordan Portillo, Jacob Rivera, Namrita Sondhi, Ben Tatum, and Helen Yu.

Anadarko employees and guests included Kimberly Blocker, Beverly Byrd, Kristin Griffin, Diane Johnson, Emily Johnson, Dominique Jacques-Sollecito, Jesse Juarez, and Rupam Modi.

Montgomery County Youth Services (MCYS) is a private, not-for-profit counseling agency committed to providing quality social service programs to children and families in crisis throughout Montgomery County.

The mission of Montgomery County Youth Services is to provide crisis counseling, shelter programs and prevention services to strengthen families, keep youth in school and prepare them to be productive citizens.

Montgomery County Youth Services, a United Way Agency, provides youth and family counseling; crisis counseling; substance abuse education and prevention services; community outreach programs; Fairway Home, a transitional living program for homeless youth throughout Montgomery County; BridgeWay, an emergency shelter for abused and neglected youth in Montgomery County; and Street Outreach Services targeting homeless youth. MCYS is also a beneficiary of the Community Development Block Grant.

With offices in Conroe, The Woodlands, New Caney, Magnolia, East County, Willis and Huntsville, MCYS has been servicing Montgomery County since 1979, continuously working to help improve young lives. For more information about Montgomery County Youth Services, please call 936-756-8682 or visit www.youthmc.org.

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