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Pictured from left are Toni Cates and LaDean Peck, standing in the newly decorated game room at Montgomery County Youth Services' (MCYS) Fairway Home. Cates recently redecorated the room with Peck's assistance and the assistance of many other volunteers.

MCYS' SHELTERS RECEIVING A MAKEOVER

Montgomery County, Texas --- (April 26, 2009) --- Montgomery County Youth Services' shelters are receiving a makeover thanks to the help and creativity of Toni Cates, interior decorator and owner of Decorator's Depot.

Cates decided to donate her time and creativity to Montgomery County Youth Services (MCYS) after seeing a shelter on a church youth trip and wondering if the rooms of the shelter were decorated. Already aware of MCYS, she called to learn what shelters were around that she could decorate, then showed up at MCYS' Fairway Home to make it happen.

"In my mission for MCYS, I have two objectives," said Cates. "The first is to make the space a better place for the short time kids are here, and the second is to make sure the kids see Christ in what we're doing. I have had the assistance of many hard working volunteers, without which these projects would

have been impossible. We all share the same vision and have found great joy in giving the kids a space they can truly appreciate while staying at the shelter. I plan to continue decorating for them, one room at a time.”

Cates recently redecorated the game room for youth at MCYS’ Fairway Home. She is currently redecorating one of the boys’ bedrooms in the house using a Harley theme and will later redecorate one of the girls’ rooms with a nature theme.

On behalf of MCYS, Cates is accepting donations of cash and gently used furniture and is seeking electricians and carpenters interested in volunteering their time and services.

For more information, please call Montgomery County Youth Services at 936-856-9602.

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; and BridgeWay, an emergency shelter for abused and neglected youth in Montgomery County. 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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