

Letter of Thanks from Friends of Guest House:

The Article:

Many thanks to the NVBS for your recent donation of \$250 to the jewelry beading program at Friends of Guest House.

For those of you unfamiliar with Guest House, we are located in the Delray section of the City of Alexandria and provide re-entry support to nonviolent female ex-offenders. We offer the structure, supervision and other assistance they need to become self-sufficient members of the community. The maximum number of women GH can serve at one time is seventeen.

For the past two years, I, along with two volunteers, Beverlee Stafford, former NVBS President, and NVBS member Denise Rivers, have been doing once-a-month jewelry beading workshops with the women. The number who participate varies, usually seven to ten women. Whether they make jewelry for themselves or their mothers or children (sometimes boyfriends, too!), there is no mistaking the pride and sense of accomplishment that shows on their faces when they complete a necklace or bracelet.

Your generous donation made it possible for us to upgrade the quality of our tools and to purchase new beading boards and ancillary supplies.

We would love to expand the program to twice a month with another team of two to three volunteers. If you would like to share your love of beading with others and can commit to two hours per month, please contact me.

Thanks again for supporting beading creativity and craft at Guest House!

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