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Wingate Companies Joins Atlanta's First Ever "Year of Boulevard" Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative

(ATLANTA, GA) Wingate Companies has teamed up with Atlanta City Councilman Kwanza Hall and local community groups to reinvigorate Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward, District 2. This exciting new initiative, known as 'Year of Boulevard' is about both focus and commitment in pursuit of positive outcomes. It involves the combined efforts of Wingate Management, operator of the Village of Bedford Pines housing complex, along with the Atlanta Police Department, city departments of Public Works and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, the Atlanta workforce Development Agency, Atlanta Medical Center, local neighborhood associations and churches.

Through donations of monetary value, time and property, Wingate has focused on making a positive contribution to the social fabric and the people who live on and around the Boulevard. The following is a list of initiatives that Wingate has and will support for the benefit of residents during this, The Year of the Boulevard.

- Wingate has and will continue to provide funding for the 4th Ward Security Patrol that allows them to expand their patrols
- Wingate has donated an apartment within the Village of Bedford Pines complex that will serve as a processing and booking center for people who are being arrested in the Zone Six Command
- Wingate has also contributed to their neighborhood beautification and enhancement:
 - Wingate will paint properties along the boulevard in new and exciting color schemes
 - Those same properties will be re-landscaped
 - 11 decorated metal trash containers were donated by Wingate to the City of Atlanta in order to help keep the neighborhood clean
 - Building signage along the Boulevard will be changed and enhanced
- Wingate's Boulevard office is being redesigned to include a Business Center and Conference Room for use by residents
- Wingate made supplies available for the Grand Community Clean Up held in May 2012
- Wingate was a major contributor to the "Send a Kid to Camp" initiative, driven by Councilman Hall. Wingate has also begun fundraising a campaign to support this initiative
- Wingate donated to the "Summer of Possibilities" program, which established a summer camp program for over 85 neighborhood children.

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- During the summer of 2012, Wingate will employ 5 young men and women to intern with administrative and field operations staff that work on and around the Boulevard. This will be an opportunity for young people to develop basic skills and to identify their efforts with “The Boulevard”
- Wingate will, with each new service contract, encourage service providers to take on up to 2 interns from the community. The purpose of this initiative is to provide hands on training and, hopefully, job opportunities.

“Wingate is committed to making the first ‘Year of Boulevard’ a success,” Said Mark Schuster, Principal of Wingate Companies. “We are confident this initiative can create noticeable, positive changes in the quality of life for residents of Bedford Pines.”

Village of Bedford Pines is the Southeast’s highest concentration of federally subsidized housing. For three decades, the Village has been the largest, most stable community in the area with some third-generation residents. The Village includes dozens of buildings with more than 690 apartments and some 2,100 residents.

Matthew W. Garbett, president of the Fourth Ward Neighbors association, showed confidence in the initiative by saying, “This is the first ‘Year of Boulevard,’ but it won’t be the last.” With public officials and private authorities such as Wingate Companies and their service group, Operation P.E.A.C.E., the future of the Boulevard is looking up.”

Wingate Companies is dedicated to bringing positive changes to the communities it serves. Charitable giving is at the core of Wingate’s culture. It starts at the top with Mark Schuster, Principal of Wingate Companies, and the Schuster family, and continues with each valued staff member, who all understand the importance of giving back.