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Some acts of kindness are obvious in who and how they benefit while others are subtle. In the United States there are emergency shelters, known in some areas as safe houses for victims of domestic violence.

These shelters are usually nestled right in the heart of their communities; however, they are camouflaged to maintain their confidentiality. Confidentiality is essential so the abuser does not know where the survivor is staying while they seek refuge and respite from the unhealthy abusive environment.

Keeping emergency shelters' locations a secret is tricky, and having volunteers come to the property to help is difficult because of the need of privacy. Buildings that look unkempt or appear to be in a state of deterioration attract attention. The last thing an emergency shelter wants is to attract any attention. So building maintenance is paramount.

GE Volunteers can be the ideal team to help in these situations. With top security clearances from the United States government, a team of retired GE engineers and finance employees worked together to make a difference on two projects for the Domestic Abuse Council in Volusia County. By beautifying the shelter, it makes the temporary residents feel welcome and prevents unnecessary attention.

To learn more about Domestic Abuse Council go to www.domesticabusecouncil.com. The Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-500-1119.

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Services

- ❖ Emergency Shelter ❖ Transitional Housing ❖ School Based Prevention Programs ❖
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GE volunteers Jim Goergen baseball cap, Jim Kotas middle, Roy DeBolt pith hat