

Lloyd Pro Group Employees Make a Difference with Gwinnett School's Mentor Program

LOYD PRO GROUP WAS ONE AMONG EIGHT businesses in the Gwinnett County community recently honored for their participation in Radloff Middle School's award winning Mentor Program.

Pam Webb, Radloff's Mentoring Coordinator says that she has over 130 mentors but needs more. "I have a waiting list for students who have requested assistance with their school work," says Pam. Pam's challenge is finding businesses in the area that are flexible enough to allow their employees to take one hour a week to work with a student. Mentors are paired up with a student to help them with math, reading, and any other school work they may have difficulty with.

"Many of these children's parents work two jobs and do not have the time or resources to help with school work. We have many motivated and talented students at this school who do not speak English at home and



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unfortunately, this sets them behind at school," says Pam. Radloff Middle School has been very successful with their Mentor Program. They have won the national "Best Practices" award two years in a row and they serve as a model for other schools in the area that plan to start their own mentor programs.

Lloyd Pro Group currently has nine employees that mentor a student weekly during their lunch break. Brandy Swanson, COO of Lloyd Pro Group learned about the program through a presentation at the Gwinnett Rotary Club. A Rotarian for 15 years, she saw the concept as an opportunity to help the community. "These kids are our future. I just thought that as a company it was a small sacrifice to make – yet, as individuals we could make a big difference," says Brandy. According to the employees at Lloyd Pro Group, the experience has been very rewarding and is often the highlight of their busy day.

CID Signal Efforts Produces Dramatic Savings In Time And Money

DRIVERS ARE EXPERIENCING A GREATLY IMPROVED commute – and saving much more on their fuel costs – thanks to work facilitated by the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID).

The Gwinnett Place CID contracted Wolverton & Associates to perform a traffic signal timing and optimization program throughout greater Gwinnett Place. Wolverton worked in conjunction with the Gwinnett



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Department of Transportation to complete the improvements.

According to Jeff Legg, project coordinator with Wolverton & Associates, a before-and-after analysis in the CID shows reduced congestion and improved traffic flow in and near the District.

"During peak travel times, drivers will now save about 98,000 hours and nearly 59,000 gallons of gasoline annually because of these improvements," Legg said. "We conservatively estimate lessened trip times and lowered fuel usage for area travel will generate savings of more than \$1.3 million per year for the useful life of the new signal timing, which is estimated to be two years."

Executive Director Joe Allen said the CID will continue cooperating with Wolverton & Associates and Gwinnett County to ensure these newly realized benefits remain viable for the future.

"This optimization effort is producing tangible results that benefit everyone traveling in our area, and we want to make sure we keep traffic moving as time progresses," Allen said.

Duke Leases 107,311 Square Feet of Office Space in Its Northeast Atlanta Submarket Portfolio

Duke Realty Corporation (Duke) has leased 107,311 square feet of office space in its northeast submarket portfolio, including new transactions with Given Imaging, American Family Mutual Insurance Co. and Arrow Electronics. The transactions bring Duke's 1.6 million square foot northeast office portfolio to 87% percent leased. Craig Flanagan, vice president of leasing at Duke, and Lauren Palermo, leasing representative, represented ownership. Tenants are drawn to Duke's northeast portfolio due to its easy access to Interstate 85 and other major roadways, access to amenities surrounding Gwinnett Place Mall, and the expanding amenity base in the Sugarloaf corridor to the immediate north.

Suwanee Dental Care Receives Swan-ee Award

Dr. Bill and Sheila Williams, owners of Suwanee Dental Care received the 2008 Swan-ee Award in December. This award program is the City's way of recognizing those who have achieved excellence in creating aesthetically attractive facilities. Dr. Bill and Sheila purchased their building, at 4355 Suwanee Dam Road in May of 2005. They began the renovation in October of 2006 and the project was completed in the end of 2007. They extended their space from 3000 square feet to 9000 square feet. They changed the outside of the building to be congruent with the southwestern theme inside of the building.