

Safe house gets the kid touch

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ed. In addition, the Andy Foundation sent a group of kids to the Lily House to paint a mural on the walls of the nursery. The garden mural features flowers, lady bugs, butterflies and lilies in tribute to the safe house's name. The foundation has had many other events and is planning more.

The Andy Foundation was established "by kids, for kids" in memory of Andy Palmeri, an 11-year-old who was tragically killed in 2003 when he was struck by a vehicle while playing tag. The foundation's goal is to give all kids a chance to

lead a happy and safe childhood, and give them a better chance to become successful adults.

The foundation, which includes Andy's friends as junior committee members, raises funds by hosting charity events and selling "The Andy Foundation Cookbook."

The Safe Horizon's Lily House is a safe house that pro-



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Andy Foundation volunteers with toys they've collected for the child-care room in a safe house for abused women

vides job assistance, child care, and after-school programs in addition to protective housing for formerly abused women and their kids. The Lily House provides shelter while the women become financially and

emotionally independent. Safe Horizon has been and is continuing to "move victims of violence from crisis to confidence." Safe Horizon is the nation's leading provider of services to victims of violence.

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If you would like to get in contact with Safe Horizon, you can visit the Web site: www.SafeHorizon.org.

The Andy Foundation, a Long Island based not-for-profit organization, was recently contacted by Safe Horizon Lily House, a newly opened battered women's shelter, to help furnish the nursery and after-school children's room. Kids of all ages associated with the foundation responded to the call by establishing a toy drive in their hometown of Garden City, collecting hundreds of toys. The toys will be presented to the Lily House along with an entire room of furnishings for the child care room.

The Andy Foundation used funds it has raised from its various charity events, and other sources to purchase furniture for the two rooms the volunteers decorat-

CONTEST TIME. Actor Paul Walker, who stars in the Disney film "Eight Below," signed a movie poster for one Kidsday reader. Want to win it? Send your name, age (7 to 16 only), address and phone number to: "Eight Below" Contest, Kidsday, Newsday, 235 Pinelawn Rd., Melville, NY 11747-4250. One winner will be selected March 3.