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***VOLUNTEERS FROM LEVITON MANUFACTURING  
BRIGHTEN ACLD'S BETHPAGE CAMPUS***

**BETHPAGE, N.Y.** – A team of more than 40 volunteers from Leviton Manufacturing, the Melville-based provider of electrical wiring devices, network and data center connectivity solutions, lighting energy management systems, and security and automation applications, devoted a day to beautifying the Bethpage headquarters of Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities (ACLD).

The group, whose efforts were spearheaded by Leviton Human Resources Coordinators Wanda Giaquinto and Elaina Gouramanis, spent August 16 painting stop sign posts to improve their visibility; assembling planters – which Leviton purchased – for use in Bethpage and at a dozen ACLD residences; planting annuals and perennials throughout the campus; and spreading mulch to protect the new beds.

“Leviton has a strong focus on community involvement,” said Fran Ruderman, Vice President of Human Resources for Leviton. “Beyond that, we recognize that employee volunteering has measurable significance far beyond spending a day painting, mulching, planting, building, and working with those in need. It’s about team camaraderie and engagement, too.”

“Leviton Manufacturing is known for helping those who turn to it save energy, time and costs,” said Robert C. Goldsmith, Executive Director of ACLD, “and they certainly did that for us with this project. Thanks to Leviton, our headquarters now are an even more beautiful place to spend time, and we are grateful to Leviton for all of its efforts on behalf of those with autism, learning and other developmental disabilities.”

In addition to its on-site efforts on behalf of ACLD, Leviton also is running a clothing drive and placing collection bins for RewearABLE, ACLD’s green recycling program, in its to further support the agency’s mission.

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Leviton connected with ACLD through its use of the website of Long Island Volunteer Enterprise (LIVE), an initiative of the United Way of Long Island and the Long Island Volunteer Center.

If you are part of or know a business or community group which would like to donate their time to ACLD for volunteer projects, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jan DiGeronimo at 516-822-0028, extension 211, or at digeronimoj@aclid.org.

### **About ACLD**

Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (ACLD) was founded in 1957. The 501(c)(3), not-for-profit agency's mission is to provide opportunities for children and adults with autism, learning and other developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, increase independence and foster supportive relationships within the community. ACLD employs more than 1,100 people and operates 77 different program sites including groups homes and apartment programs across Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Service programs include early childhood services, day habilitation, residential alternatives, vocational training and job placement, recreation programs, respite, family support services, Medicaid service coordination, and medical and behavioral health services.

**PHOTO CAPTION: A team of more than 40 volunteers from Leviton Manufacturing spent a full day helping to beautify ACLD's Bethpage campus.**

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