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Good for You

Keep Martin Beautiful gets grant

Keep Martin Beautiful has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the UPS Foundation to help fund a revitalization project in the Indiantown community in western Martin County. Keep Martin Beautiful is one of 13 Keep America Beautiful (KAB) affiliates to receive funding from the UPS Foundation this year. The grant will help finance the Indiantown Community Improvement Program set to begin this summer.

"We are so appreciative of this generous grant

from UPS. These funds will be vital in improving the quality of life for so many residents within the Indiantown community," said Rhonda Irons, president of Keep Martin Beautiful.

The grant awards were presented to KAB affiliates in recognition of their volunteer initiatives with local UPS locations throughout the United States. UPS employee volunteers will actively support many of these merit-based award programs in their respective communities.

Keep Martin Beautiful will be working in partnership with Indiantown

Non-Profit Housing, the Martin County Sheriff's Office, the Indiantown Ministerial Alliance, Indiantown Cogeneration, Raymond E. Darling Jr. VFW Post and other organizations and volunteers to raise additional funding and to prepare homes for painting and repairs.

The goals of the Community Improvement Program include painting and minor repairs of 10 buildings, paired with neighborhood cleanups, household hazardous waste collection and beautification efforts through landscaping improvements in the community. The UPS funding

will help offset the cost for paint supplies, landscaping materials, community outreach and promotional costs.

Through community revitalization, Keep Martin Beautiful aims to increase property values, reduce crime, enhance the local economy and improve public health. A fundamental component of the program will require homeowners who receive assistance to contribute back to the community through volunteer initiatives with local nonprofit organizations.