

Giroud Completes Charity Tree Job at Horizon House

Giving back to the community is second nature to us. It's one of the reasons Lou Giroud [started this business over 40 years ago](#). And, it's why so many of us, who are part of the Giroud family, get involved in community service and philanthropic work in the greater Philadelphia area.

Over the years, [we've helped many organizations](#) by donating food to Philabundance, collecting children's clothing for Cradles to Crayons, or, doubling the impact of our personal donations to charity through our company's employee matching gifts program.



Mike Chenail (left) of Giroud Tree and Lawn, and Sandy Clark (Right) meet before the job in front of Horizon House's Germantown, PA location.

But, one of our proudest charitable initiatives has to be our Giroud Treework for Charity program. Since 1997, we've helped numerous local charities like the Hatboro YMCA, Historic Langhorne Association and [Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust](#) by providing free tree care services. So far, we've donated around \$80,000 in free tree care.

In keeping with our spirit of giving back, ISA Certified Arborist, Mike Chenail teamed up with [Horizon House](#) as part of our Giroud Treework for Charity program. "Tree care is important to Horizon House as we know that to keep our properties safe, we must properly maintain our trees. Pruning unwanted limbs and deadwood removal not only helps secure and protect those living, working, visiting, and passing by our sites, but it also maintains and improves the property appearance of the neighborhood," said Peggy Rowe, Advancement Director at Horizon House.

For those unfamiliar with Horizon House and its work, they are a charitable organization that provides services to those who need it most in our local communities such as those with disabilities, suffering from addiction, and the homeless. With over 120 locations in Pennsylvania alone, including 47 residential locations, Horizon House assists approximately 4,500 individuals each year!

Mike Chenail and his crew of workers arrived early in the morning at Horizon House's location in Germantown, ready to tackle the project. The house was surrounded by several trees including some extremely rare Kentucky Coffee Trees, all of which were in serious need of pruning for safety and health reasons. After nearly a full day of work,

the job was completed, Sandy Clark, a dedicated Horizon House staffer, gave us a big thank you, saying “Thank you Mike, and thank you Giroud Tree and Lawn for the exceptional work you do for and in the community. We are most grateful to you and your crew for coming out to one of Horizon Houses residential locations on this bitterly cold morning.”

With all the great work they do for the community, deciding to help Horizon House with some much needed tree work was an easy choice to make. We couldn't be happier to serve an organization as incredible as Horizon House. If you or someone you know is part of a 501(c) 3 organization in Bucks, Montgomery, or Philadelphia Counties that has an urgent tree care need, visit our philanthropy page and fill out our Giroud Treework for [Charity form](#).