



The Home Depot Foundation Announces \$400,000 Investment in Atlanta Community

*Local Nonprofit Organizations Recognized for Innovation
during 4th Annual Building Community Day*

(ATLANTA, GA) November 4, 2009 - Today, The Home Depot Foundation hosted its fourth Annual Building Community Day recognizing innovation, collaboration and impact among Atlanta area nonprofit organizations. Twenty organizations received grants totaling \$400,000 focused on creating a healthier and more sustainable region.

Building Community Day, which The Home Depot Foundation sponsors in partnership with the Georgia Center for Nonprofits, featured a panel discussion titled 'Social Innovation: Inspirational Ideas and Practices for Maximum Impact,' followed by facilitated group discussion around collaborative best practices. A special awards reception followed recognizing the 2009 Building Community Day grant recipients, who each received a \$20,000, grant, including:

- Arthritis Foundation - Georgia Chapter
- Atlanta Legal Aid
- Boy Scouts of America (Atlanta Area Council)
- Breman Jewish Heritage Museum
- Camp Twin Lakes
- Center for Pan Asian Community Services
- Communities in Schools Georgia
- Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy
- Foster Care Support Foundation
- Girl Scouts of Northwest Georgia
- HeroBox
- Historic Oakland Cemetery Foundation
- Junior Achievement of Georgia
- Komen for the Cure
- Salvation Army
- Special Olympics of Georgia
- Tommy Nobis Center
- Travelers Aid (HOPE Atlanta)
- WPBA
- YWCA of Northwest Georgia

During 2009, The Home Depot Foundation has invested over \$3 million in Atlanta area nonprofits, including those receiving grants today. Other grant recipients include Woodruff Arts Center, Piedmont Park, Atlanta Community Food Bank and Atlanta Habitat for Humanity.

"We are delighted to support and celebrate nonprofits in our hometown that have a long-standing commitment to making Atlanta a healthier and more sustainable city where families

can thrive,” said Kelly Caffarelli, president, The Home Depot Foundation. “These organizations deserve enormous credit for the work they are doing, particularly in difficult economic times, and we are glad to be part of their efforts.”

The Home Depot Foundation largely focuses its funding and volunteer efforts on building green and healthy communities. Through Building Community Day, the Foundation has the opportunity to connect with some of Atlanta’s most effective nonprofit organizations that fall outside of the Foundation’s usual areas of giving. In addition to representatives of the twenty organizations being recognized, the leaders of nonprofits that have participated in the prior years were on hand to congratulate their colleagues.

About Building Community Day

Three years ago, The Home Depot Foundation established the Building Community Day event as a means to reach out to our nonprofit neighbors and friends working so hard to strengthen our communities. Since that time, the Building Community Day Event has strengthened 60+ nonprofit organizations by building peer networks, providing information and resources on pertinent trends, and granting over \$1 million in vital operational support. The Building Community Day program now includes a year-long agenda featuring three annual alumni events.

About The Home Depot Foundation

The Home Depot Foundation was created in 2002 to further the community building goals of The Home Depot. The Home Depot Foundation is dedicated to building affordable homes for working families that are healthy to live in and affordable to own. To make homes healthy and affordable, the Foundation encourages developers to incorporate responsible design and use durable and quality materials to ensure that homes are more energy and water efficient, have good indoor air quality, and provide a safe and healthy space to live. Since its formation, The Home Depot Foundation has granted \$120 million to nonprofit organizations and supported the development of more than 65,000 affordable, healthy homes. For more information, visit www.homedepotfoundation.org.

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