



## **THE HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION DONATES \$100,000 IN ATLANTA FLOOD CLEAN UP AND REBUILDING EFFORT**

**ATLANTA, September 23, 2009** – The Home Depot® Foundation and associates from The Home Depot are joining in the relief efforts in the aftermath of the floods that have caused significant damage throughout the Metro Atlanta area this week. The Home Depot Foundation has committed \$100,000 in donations, with \$50,000 going to the American Red Cross for immediate emergency disaster assistance and another \$50,000 to go to the longer term rebuilding process.

“Many neighborhoods were deeply affected by severe flooding this week, and we want to contribute to their immediate needs through the American Red Cross,” said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation. “But we also know that repairing the damage will be a long process for homeowners, business and communities. That’s why we will also support the longer-term efforts by investing in organizations that will rebuild these homes and communities in a healthy, sustainable way.”

Several local Home Depot stores have already been involved in emergency relief efforts through product donations to local cities. These donations have included tarps, wet patch roof cement, bottled water and buckets.

“We have almost 20,000 associates who live and work throughout the Atlanta area, so this is a very personal effort for all of us,” said Caffarelli. “Store associates are already planning Team Depot volunteer events to help their communities clean up and get back on their feet. We are ready to roll up our sleeves to help our associates, neighbors and customers.”

“People helping people are at the heart of our humanitarian mission,” said Timothy M. English, regional CEO for the American Red Cross in North Georgia. “When good neighbors partner with the Red Cross to make disaster relief possible, it not only helps the families who are affected, it strengthens entire communities.”

### **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. Through the incorporation of responsible design, homes built with durable and quality materials are more energy and water efficient, have good indoor air quality, and are overall 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](http://www.homedepotfoundation.org).

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