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## **Over \$35,000 of Home Improvements and Volunteered Time Pour Into a Community Residence for People with Special Needs**

*The Home Depot Foundation Donates Materials and Team Depot Volunteers Donate Time and Professional Services for a Kitchen Facelift and New Outdoor Landscape to ACLD Community Residence in Seaford.*

**Seaford, NY – August 29, 2018** – There is an old expression that states, *good deeds flow with good intention*. Early this year, The Home Depot Syosset Store Manager was involved in a renovation of a Sayville community residence by Bay Shore’s “Team Depot” volunteers. The manager was so touched by the charitable gesture that he continued down a similar path of giving by taking charge in renovating an ACLD community residence for people with special needs in Seaford.

Starting Wednesday, August 29, 2018, Team Depot volunteers, led by Syosset Store Manager Jayson Drucker, will begin the demolition of the home’s existing kitchen and begin outdoor landscaping to beautify the home. The three week project will include refacing the kitchen cabinets, installing new countertops and backsplash, oak plank and vinyl flooring in the kitchen, living room, dining room and hallway, adding new lighting fixtures and new kitchen appliances. Team Depot will also landscape the front and backyard of the home with new plantings and spreading. The backyard will finish off with a picnic table and benches for the residents, and a new charcoal BBQ.

The facelift was paid for through \$13,000 gift cards from The Home Depot Foundation as well as donated materials, time and labor of Team Depot partners and volunteers. Total value of the home improvement is over \$35,000. The Seaford home is part of ACLD’s residential program.

“Over the past few years our relationship with The Home Depot has grown to new heights,” said Robert C. Goldsmith, Executive Director of ACLD. “As a corporate partner, The Home Depot appreciates and understands the importance of the programs and services we provide for adults and children with autism, learning and developmental disabilities. This is about providing an enviable life for residents and we are grateful for all the volunteers from Team Depot for donating their time and professional services.”

“It is extremely rewarding to partner with ACLD,” said Courtney Blount, Senior Specialist, Public Relations, The Home Depot Foundation. “Team Depot is thrilled to work along side this great organization and support such important efforts. ACLD’s commitment to assisting people with special needs mirrors our ideas on philanthropy and service. Our hope is that The Home Depot Foundation’s volunteers, grant dollars and donated materials help to make a true impact on all involved.”

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ACLD and the nation's largest home improvement chain, The Home Depot, have a long-standing relationship. The Home Depot has supported ACLD's vocational program by providing work opportunities for dozens of individuals over the years. This program continues to provide individuals with learning and developmental disabilities the chance to work and live productive and enviable lives.

"I am overjoyed to be able to play an active part in bettering my local community and to work for a company that supports these types of initiatives," commented Jayson Drucker, Store Manager, The Home Depot – Syosset. "Being able to give back to others and join ACLD in making a difference in the lives of others is part of my personal beliefs and The Home Depot's values. I look forward to completing this project and future ventures with ACLD."

### **About Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (ACLD)**

Founded in 1957, ACLD is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit agency whose mission is to provide opportunities to more than 3,000 children and adults with autism, learning and developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, promote independence and foster supportive relationships within the community. ACLD employs more than 1,300 people and operates 80 different program sites including community residences and apartment programs across Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Services include early childhood services, day habilitation, residential alternatives, vocational training and job placement, recreation programs, respite, family support services, and occupational, speech and physical therapies. For more information: [www.aclld.org](http://www.aclld.org)

### **About Giving Back at The Home Depot**

Since the first The Home Depot store opened in 1979, giving back has been a core value for the Company and a passion for its associates. Today, The Home Depot, in partnership with The Home Depot Foundation, focuses its philanthropic efforts on improving the homes and lives of U.S. military veterans and their families and aiding communities affected by natural disasters. Through Team Depot, the Company's associate-led volunteer force, thousands of associates dedicate their time and talents to these efforts in the communities where they live and work. Since 2011, The Home Depot Foundation has invested more than \$198 million in veteran causes, and along with the help of Team Depot volunteers, has transformed more than 33,000 homes and facilities for veterans. To learn more and see Team Depot in action, visit [www.homedepot.com/teamdepot](http://www.homedepot.com/teamdepot) and follow us on Twitter and Instagram @[teamdepot](https://twitter.com/teamdepot) and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/teamdepot](http://www.facebook.com/teamdepot).

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