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The Home Depot Foundation Announces \$500K Grant to Volunteers of America Chesapeake to Provide Quality Veterans' Housing in Baltimore

Local funds part of \$1.2 million in grants announced for veterans' housing programs nationwide

Lanham, MD (September 4, 2018) – As part of a national partnership that has served thousands of U.S. military veterans, The Home Depot® Foundation has provided \$500K in grant funding to Lanham-based Volunteers of America Chesapeake to address critical housing needs.

This grant will support the renovation of Paca House, our permanent housing facility in Baltimore. The renovations will allow us to designate 19 units for homeless veterans and overall updated living spaces for residents. Through expanded supportive services, we will work to improve their quality of life and self-sufficiency with a variety of programs and referrals ranging from financial literacy classes, life planning, vocational training, GED preparation, and substance abuse treatment.

“We are honored to be able to provide affordable housing for our nation’s returning veterans,” said Russell K. Snyder, President/CEO of Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. “PACA House Apartments will allow our veterans to live in Baltimore, MD and receive services from the Veterans Administration Medical Center which only two blocks away.”

This local grant is part of more than \$1.2 million in new 2018 funding from The Home Depot Foundation for nine Volunteers of America veteran housing programs in six states. This funding will help improve or build 210 affordable and supportive homes specifically for veterans, including at least 29 earmarked for women veterans, and is part of a larger Volunteers of America initiative which will impact 283 units of housing.

To date, The Home Depot Foundation has funded more than 100 Volunteers of America projects that benefit veterans, providing over 3,200 homes for veterans and their families in Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas and Washington. In addition to the grants, Team Depot, The Home Depot’s associate-led volunteer force, has completed more than 100 projects to improve Volunteers of America’s veteran housing facilities. To learn more about Volunteers of America’s partnership with The Home Depot, please visit www.voa.org/the-home-depot.

Since 2011, The Home Depot Foundation has invested approximately \$227 million in veteran-related projects, part of the foundation’s quarter of a billion-dollar pledge to veteran-related causes by 2020. In partnership with Team Depot, the 400,000-strong army of associate volunteers, the organization has positively impacted more than 40,000 veterans' homes and helped more than 3,800 communities.

About Volunteers of America

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Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need live healthy, safe and productive lives. Since 1896, our ministry of service has supported and empowered America's most vulnerable groups, including veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, at-risk youth, men and women returning from prison, homeless individuals and families, those recovering from addictions and many others. Through hundreds of human service programs, including housing and health care, Volunteers of America helps almost 1.3 million people in over 400 communities. Our work touches the mind, body, heart and ultimately the spirit of those we serve, integrating our deep compassion with highly effective programs and services. For more information about Volunteers of America, visit www.VolunteersofAmerica.org.

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