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**Volunteers of America Carolinas, Home Depot Foundation Celebrate
Revitalization of Housing Program
for Homeless Residents and Veterans**

Durham, NC – On Friday, October 25, 2019, at 11am, Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas (VOACC) and The Home Depot Foundation will celebrate the reopening of Maple Court Transitional Apartments, the organization’s transitional housing facility located at 207 Commons Blvd., Durham, NC. Thanks to the generous support of The Home Depot Foundation, VOACC has enhanced the veteran housing needs and expanded support services.

As part of a national partnership that has served thousands of U.S. military veterans, The Home Depot Foundation has provided \$180,000 in grant funding to VOACC to address critical housing needs and the redevelopment of Maple Court Transitional Apartments. Thanks to the help of dedicated volunteers, this revitalization project allowed for enhanced comfort and safety improvements of 24 apartments for veteran residents, that included painting, floor replacement, lighting upgrades, security camera installation, and much more.

Since 2009, the Maple Court Apartments have made a measurable impact on the homeless veteran population by providing transitional housing and supportive services to veterans in need. In 2018, we served more than 50 veterans, over 80 percent of whom have found permanent housing. Thanks to the Home Depot Foundation, we can continue to be a beacon of hope for our vulnerable veterans throughout the Durham area.

“We are thankful to the Home Depot Foundation for their generous support in positively impacting the veterans we serve,” said Tiana Joyner, Vice President, Carolina Territory. “Here at Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas, we are committed to ensuring that those who served our country can live with the dignity and independence they deserve.”

To date, The Home Depot Foundation has funded more than 100 Volunteers of America projects that benefit veterans. In addition to 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.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas is one of the region's largest and most comprehensive human services and affordable housing development organizations. VOACC empowers self-reliance and inspires hope through personalized housing, ministry, health, and human services that benefit vulnerable individuals, their families and the community.

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