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Volunteer Center of North Texas Receives Grant from The Home Depot Foundation *Funds to benefit the Volunteer Center's Donated Goods Program*

Dallas, Texas (December 5, 2011) – The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT) has received a \$13,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation to support its Donated Goods Program. The grant will help fund renovations for the VCNT's Donated Goods Program, which will include lighting upgrades, painting supplies, ceiling fans, and more.

“We are honored to receive this support from The Home Depot Foundation,” said Julie Thomas, Chief Executive Office of the Volunteer Center of North Texas. “This support will allow us to make major renovations to our Donated Goods Program, which assists hundreds of nonprofits throughout North Texas each year.”

The Donated Goods Program benefits nonprofit sectors by matching new surplus and gently used items donated by area companies with nonprofit agencies in need. The program leverages donations effectively by providing distribution to a broad array of causes and helps nonprofit organizations stretch their limited budgets. The Donated Goods Program makes these items available at low-cost to more than 400 area nonprofits which benefits more than 175,000 people annually.

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About the Volunteer Center of North Texas:

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), founded in 1971, is one of the largest and most active volunteer centers in the country. A primary purpose of the VCNT is to recruit volunteers, including individuals, corporations and civic and faith-based groups, to serve nonprofits and their clients throughout the North Texas area. For more information, visit www.vcnt.org.

About The Home Depot Foundation:

The Home Depot Foundation is committed to ensuring that every U.S. military veteran has a safe place to call home. In April 2011, the Foundation pledged a three-year, \$30 million initiative to address veterans' critical housing needs. Since its formation in 2002, The Home Depot Foundation has granted more than \$270 million to nonprofit organizations improving homes and lives in local communities. To learn more about The Home Depot Foundation, visit www.homedepotfoundation.org, follow us on Twitter @homedepotfdn, and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation.