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### **Lowe's and Rebuilding Together Address Critical Needs During Cold-Weather Months for Low-Income Homeowners**

*Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines Complete Renovations this fall*

**Des Moines, IA.** – Lowes, a President's Circle Sponsor of Rebuilding Together, kicked off home rehabilitation projects nationwide this fall to address critical home needs during cold weather months. Since 2007, The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has been an active partner of Rebuilding Together and supports the organization's work across the country.

The Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines affiliate received funding to focus on weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades for low-income homeowners. Recipients received a wide range of modifications such as new window and/or door installation, insulation, caulking, sealing existing windows and doors and other ways to increase warmth and help reduce overall utility costs in time for winter.

Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines worked with 22 volunteers in the community and helped five homeowners in the Capitol East neighborhood and two homeowners in the Fairgrounds neighborhood. "It was a wonderful thing, something I never could have done. I didn't know there were people like that. It was very, very nice," said Sally, a recipient of 13 new storm windows, an exterior door and a new storm door.

"As fall and winter approaches, now is the time to act for homeowners in need of critical repairs to their home," said Marshall Croom, chairman of Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. "That's why Rebuilding Together and Lowe's Heroes volunteers are on a mission to make simple, yet impactful updates like adding weather stripping, insulation and caulking to homes this fall so that low-income homeowners across the country can stay warm, reduce energy consumption and also cut back on high heating bills."

#### **About Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines**

Rebuilding Together believes that everyone deserves to live in a safe and healthy home. Our focus provides critical repairs, accessibility modifications and energy efficient upgrades to low-income homes and community centers at no cost to service recipients. Our impact extends beyond the individuals served to revitalize and stabilize vulnerable neighborhoods and communities across the country. Our affiliate has helped over 1,000 homeowners in 17 years, with the help of thousands of volunteers from the Greater Des Moines community. Join us – visit [www.rebuildingdm.org](http://www.rebuildingdm.org)

#### **About Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation**

Lowe's is a proud supporter of Rebuilding Together, American Red Cross, United Way of America, and the Home Safety Council, in addition to numerous non-profit organizations and programs that help communities across the country. In 2008, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation together contributed more than \$25 million to support community and education projects in the United States and Canada. Lowe's also encourages volunteerism through the Lowe's Heroes program, a company-wide employee volunteer initiative. Lowe's is a FORTUNE® 50 company with fiscal year 2008 sales of \$48.2 billion and has more than 1,700 stores in the United States and Canada. For more information, visit [Lowes.com/community](http://Lowes.com/community). Follow us on Twitter @Lowes and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Lowes](http://www.facebook.com/Lowes).