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THE HOME DEPOT & TEAM DEPOT PROVIDE FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OUTREACH WITH A GRANT & A "FACELIFT"

Lake Worth, FL - On Saturday, September 10th, Forgotten Soldiers Outreach (FSO) "warehouse" received a "face lift" providing a more professional look and creating an ideal work place, thanks to a grant From The Home Depot Foundation and the TEAM DEPOT Special Project Day Volunteers !

FSO received a \$3900 grant, which in turn was utilized to upgrade the FSO warehouse in order to improve production and the professional image. The cardboard Boxes utilized as bins for all the "care package" items was diligently replaced with "blue" collapsible bins. In addition, cabinetry was installed to help store event kits, promotional items, and miscellaneous administrative items required to run the charity efficiently.

The Home Depot Foundation not only provided the grant to purchase these much needed items, but provided the incredible "manpower" via their TEAM DEPOT Volunteer program. Approximately 35 volunteers from TEAM DEPOT showed up in their "orange" shirts, including the Managers of Lake Worth, Lantana, and Boynton Beach. They worked like machines, expediently, diligently and professionally. For what looked like it would take days to achieve, took this team less than 6 hours to achieve the mission.

"I walked in and had tears in my eyes, the team work was breathtaking, I felt like I was watching the "Eveready Energizer Bunnies" at work....without stopping. For years we have wanted to get rid of utilizing the cardboard boxes for bins that stores the care package items, but we just didn't have the means and did not want to utilize funds that were needed to ship the "we care" packages. Seeing the new collapsible BLUE bins replacing those was a beautiful site. The installation of Cabinets reminded me of watching a pit crew for The Home Depot Nascar Team. We are thoroughly impressed and grateful to The Home Depot Foundation for the grant and manpower! It was also great experience for them too, to learn about what goes into the "we care" packages for our troops, many items are essentials, and some are just that luxury item, that provides "that little bit of home" comments Lynelle Zelnar, Executive Director and Founder of Forgotten Soldiers Outreach.

"We are delighted to support local volunteer projects aimed at creating and maintaining stable and healthy communities," said Kelly Caffarelli, president, The Home Depot Foundation. "Forgotten Soldiers Outreach deserves enormous credit for the work it is doing, and we are glad to be part of their efforts."

About The Home Depot Foundation

In 2011, The Home Depot Foundation committed \$30 million over three years to nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the homes of economically disadvantaged veterans. Through Team Depot, the company's associate-led volunteer program, thousands of Home Depot associates volunteer their time and talents to positively transform neighborhoods and perform basic repairs and modifications to homes and to the facilities serving veterans with 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 and see our associates in action, visit www.homedepotfoundation.org, follow us on Twitter @homedepotfdn, and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation.

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc., a 501(c) tax exempt organization with the sole mission of shipping **monthly “we care” packages to our United States servicemen and servicewomen serving overseas. Since 2003, our goal has been to “send that little bit of home” to assure *they are not forgotten*.**

For more information about Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, a national 501(c)(3) charitable organization registered with the State of Florida, State of Georgia, and State of Tennessee please log on to www.forgottensoldiers.org .

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