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VOLUNTEERS FROM THE HOME DEPOT, KaBOOM!, DENVER PARKS & RECREATION AND THE PARK PEOPLE JOIN FORCES TO BUILD A NEW PLAYGROUND IN ONE DAY

Playground Strengthens Community and Benefits Children

WHAT: More than 200 volunteers from The Home Depot, Denver Parks & Recreation, The Park People, Councilwoman Judy H. Montero and organizers from the nonprofit organization KaBOOM! will join together to build a state-of-the-art, 2,500 square foot playground in one day. The playground will provide a safe, fun environment for the children in the community.

The playground is funded through a \$61,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation along with a \$7,500 contribution from Denver Parks & Recreation and The Park People. As a founding partner of KaBOOM!, The Home Depot provides financial support, materials and numerous volunteers for play space projects across North America as part of its ongoing commitment to give back to the communities its stores serve. In 2009, The Home Depot became the official Sustainability Partner of KaBOOM!. Both organizations will work together to make sure each playground project is as environmentally friendly as possible as well as educate children and communities about this important issue. For this project, all materials will be recycled and any unused materials remaining after the completion of the build will be donated to other organizations.

Denver Parks and Recreation serves over 14,000 youth annually through programming and recreation activity at each of our 29 recreation centers and in our 300 parks. The Park People is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, enhancing and advocating for Denver's parks, recreation resources, open space and urban forest.

The playground will be built at Chaffee Park, a neighborhood park surrounded by families, but with no playground for kids. It will be a welcomed addition to the Sunnyside neighborhood, which has one of the lowest median family incomes in the City.

WHERE: Chaffee Park
1955 W. 43rd Ave
Denver, CO 80211

WHEN: **Thursday, October 22**
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Project Kick-Off
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Best viewing of playground construction
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Final construction phase and adjustments
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Board-Cutting" closing ceremony
(Note: All times approximate)

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INFO: **About The Home Depot Foundation**
The Home Depot Foundation was created in 2002 to further the community building goals of The Home Depot. The Home Depot Foundation is dedicated to building affordable homes for working families that are healthy to live in and affordable to own. To make homes healthy and affordable, the Foundation encourages developers to incorporate responsible design and use durable and quality materials to ensure that homes are more energy and water efficient, have good indoor air quality, and provide a safe and healthy space to live. Since its formation, The Home Depot Foundation has granted \$70 million to nonprofit organizations and supported the development of more than 50,000 affordable, healthy homes. For more information, visit www.homedepotfoundation.org.

About KaBOOM!
KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America. Celebrating thirteen years of service in 2009, KaBOOM! rallies communities to achieve better public policy, funding and public awareness for increased play opportunities nationwide; provide resources, including trainings, challenge grants, and publications for communities that wish to plan a new playspace on their own; and bring together children, business and community interests for a select number of community playspace builds each

year. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., KaBOOM! also has offices in Chicago, and San Mateo, California. For more information, visit www.kaboom.org.

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