



Reno's Veterans Guest House Competing for \$25,000 from The Home Depot Foundation in February Facebook Contest

Veterans Guest House One of Four Nonprofits Competing in Foundation's Aprons in Action Program; Winner to Compete for \$250,000 in March

Reno, Nev. (Jan. 31, 2012) – Veterans Guest House in Reno has been selected as a finalist for Aprons in Action, The Home Depot Foundation's unique Facebook voting program, and now has the opportunity to win a \$25,000 gift card from The Home Depot. Voting begins Feb. 1 and runs through Feb. 23 at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation. The organization with the most votes will win the \$25,000 prize and be in the running for the grand prize of \$250,000 starting March 1. The runner-up organizations will receive \$5,000 in The Home Depot gift cards.

During the Aprons in Action contest, which began in April 2011, 11 monthly winners are being selected. This March, Facebook fans will have the chance to help one of those 11 winners win the \$250,000 grand prize. The organization that receives the second and third most votes will receive \$150,000 and \$100,000 from The Home Depot, respectively.

In the February round of the competition, Veterans Guest House is competing against three other nonprofit organizations from across the country, including Hands on Greater Phoenix, United Methodist Children's Home of the North Georgia Conference, and Volunteers of America Michigan in Southfield, Mich.

"Being selected for the Aprons in Action program is an honor, and we are so thankful for the recognition," said Noreen Leary, Chief Operating Officer of the Veterans Guest House. "If we actually win the \$25,000 The Home Depot gift card, we will be able to complete work that we left unfinished in our new expansion home, such as the design and planting of a new yard and sprinkler system, installation of new windows and exterior painting to name a few things. We also hope to do significant maintenance projects on our original home that is seven years old. So we encourage everyone to go to Facebook and vote for us!"

Working together, Veterans Guest House and Team Depot associates have already provided and installed doors, kitchen cabinets, bathroom vanities, toilets and a number of appliances for the Veterans Guest House newly remodeled expansion facility.

Across the country, The Home Depot Associates give back to their communities by volunteering their time and talents with local nonprofit organizations, like the Veterans Guest House. The Aprons in Action Program recognizes these successful partnerships and gives each of the

featured nonprofits the opportunity to do additional work with Team Depot volunteers to better their communities.

“Aprons in Action is our \$1 million effort to support the most active and engaged nonprofit organizations across the country,” said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation. “Over the course of this program, we’ll distribute \$1 million to 48 deserving organizations from across the nationwide Team Depot network, allowing them to continue their great work serving our communities.”

How To Vote

Voting runs from Feb. 1 at 6:00 a.m. PT through Feb. 23 at 9 p.m. PT. Aprons in Action is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homedepot or www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation.

The final percentages of votes for each nonprofit will be posted on The Home Depot and The Home Depot Foundation’s Facebook pages on Feb. 24 at 6:00 a.m. PT.

For more information and to view the program rules, visit The Home Depot on Facebook or go to www.homedepotfoundation.org.

About Veterans Guest House:

The Veterans Guest House provides United States Military service veterans and their families temporary overnight accommodations while receiving treatment at a medical facility in the Reno/Sparks area. The majority of guests receive treatment at the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC). The VAMC covers 100,000 square miles from Bishop to Auburn, Elko and Ely. The Veterans Guest House is located at 880 Locust Street in Reno, Nev.

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.

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