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**REBUILDING TOGETHER AND LOWE'S TEAM UP TO RENOVATE AND REPAIR A
BATON ROUGE HOME FOR NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY**

BATON ROUGE, LA – Today, volunteers from Rebuilding Together Baton Rouge are dedicating their time and expertise to improve a home in the Baton Rouge community.

The Baton Rouge repairs are among 50 projects funded by Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation through a \$250,000 grant. Lowe's volunteers and more than 200 Rebuilding Together affiliates are completing critical home repairs for families across the United States on or around National Rebuilding Day, April 24.

"To be a part of the community means you invest your time and work with your neighbors to improve the lives of others," said Alison Paz. "Lowe's significant contributions to our projects are helping preserve and revitalize the homes of the elderly, persons with disabilities and low-income families."

Since 2007, Lowe's Foundation has contributed \$4 million to Rebuilding Together to assist communities and homeowners in need. One of Rebuilding Together's signature events, National Rebuilding Day, occurs every April. This year, Rebuilding Together will repair 3,500 low-income homes and community facilities during National Rebuilding Day. The nationwide projects create the momentum for Rebuilding Together affiliates to continue their work throughout the year.

"Homeownership and community stabilization are issues that are affecting low- and moderate-income Americans on a day-to-day basis, particularly during these tough economic times," said Gary Officer, president and CEO of Rebuilding Together. "With our Lowe's partnership, we are committed to tackling these issues and making a difference in the lives of low-income homeowners in need."

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has funded nearly 70 percent of Rebuilding Together affiliates and helped rehabilitate more than 230 homes. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation's \$1 million contribution in 2010 includes \$380,000 to support special rehabilitation projects throughout the year.

"Lowe's is in the business of helping people improve and maintain their homes," said Larry D. Stone, chairman of Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. "We are proud to partner with Rebuilding Together to renovate and modify homes for some of our community's most vulnerable residents. Lowe's

shares Rebuilding Together's commitment to creating a safe and comfortable environment to accommodate a homeowner's special needs."

About Rebuilding Together:

Rebuilding Together is the nation's leading nonprofit organization working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize neighborhoods by providing extensive rehabilitation and modification services to those in need at no cost to those served. With the help of everyday citizen volunteers, skilled trades people, the support of local business and major corporate partners, Rebuilding Together affiliates in America's largest cities and smallest towns make life considerably better for thousands of low-income homeowners and the communities in which they live by completing 10,000 projects per year. Rebuilding Together has programs dedicated to energy efficiency, veteran's housing, aging in place and Gulf Coast reconstruction. For more information, visit www.RebuildingTogether.org. You can also follow Rebuilding Together on Twitter @rebltdgtothr or become a fan on Facebook at Facebook.com/RebuildingTogether. Media Contact: BCarter@rebuildingtogether.org (202) 518-3500.

About Lowe's

Lowe's is a proud supporter of Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity International, American Red Cross, SkillsUSA/Skills Canada, and The Nature Conservancy, in addition to numerous non-profit organizations and programs that help communities in North America. In 2009, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation together contributed more than \$30 million to support community and education projects in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Lowe's also encourages volunteerism through the Lowe's Heroes program, a company-wide employee volunteer initiative. Lowe's is a FORTUNE® 500 company with fiscal year 2009 sales of \$47.2 billion and has more than 1,700 stores in the United States, Canada and Mexico. For more information, visit Lowe.com/community.

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