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## Park Pride receives \$1 million donation from The Home Depot Foundation

Funding allows the Atlanta-based nonprofit to deepen its impact, expand services

Atlanta, GA — October 2024 — <u>Park Pride</u>, a local nonprofit that engages communities to activate the power of parks, is thrilled to announce a \$1 million donation from <u>The Home</u> <u>Depot Foundation</u> to the *Parks for All* Comprehensive Campaign. Park Pride recognized the Foundation's generous contribution during its Party for All Parks event, a celebration of supporters and community members.

This landmark donation helped Park Pride reach the funding goal for its <u>Parks for All</u> campaign and supports the nonprofit's efforts to ensure all Atlantans have easy access to a quality park.

"Great parks are essential for happy, healthy communities," said Heather Prill, senior philanthropist, strategic partnerships and programs for The Home Depot Foundation. "We are proud to support Park Pride's community-led efforts to ensure every resident has access to a quality park in their neighborhood. Their work helps Atlanta, our hometown, thrive."

*Parks for All* is a multi-year comprehensive campaign that has enabled the nonprofit to expand its services, deepen its impact, create more park advocates and increase funding for parks with an emphasis on historically disinvested communities. While the fundraising goal for *Parks for All* has been met, the campaign's efforts aren't over.

Moving forward, Park Pride will continue building its capacity to provide funding for significant community-led park improvements, thought leadership and increased park access for communities across Atlanta.

Earlier this year, Park Pride announced the largest grant cycle in its 35-year history — over \$4 million going to 37 parks across the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County, with approximately 50% of these funds going to park projects in historically disinvested communities. This landmark year of park investments represents a combination of private and public funding, made possible through Park Pride's *Parks for All* campaign and City of Atlanta councilmembers. The team also established the <u>Park Stewardship Academy</u>, a three-month educational and skill-building program that teaches park leaders how to better activate their respective parks through community events, programs and volunteer opportunities.

Park Pride and The Home Depot Foundation have been partners since 2009, and the Foundation has generously donated over \$3.4 million in total to Park Pride over the years.

"The Home Depot Foundation has been a longstanding supporter of Park Pride, and we are very grateful for their partnership," Park Pride Executive Director Michael Halicki said. "With this generous gift, our team will continue our community-led efforts to ensure every neighborhood has a quality park or greenspace that meets their unique needs and desires."

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## **About Park Pride**

A trusted Atlanta-based nonprofit for 35 years, Park Pride engages communities to activate the power of parks! Working with over 100 local Friends of the Park groups across 200 greenspaces, Park Pride provides leadership, services, and funding to help communities realize their dreams for parks that support healthy people, united neighborhoods, a resilient city, and a healthy environment. Park Pride is active in greenspace advocacy and educating both civic leaders and the public about the benefits of parks, and annually hosts the Parks & Greenspace Conference. Learn more about Park Pride at <u>parkpride.org</u>.

## **About The Home Depot Foundation**

The Home Depot Foundation, the nonprofit arm of The Home Depot, works to improve the homes and lives of U.S. veterans, support communities impacted by natural disasters and train skilled tradespeople to fill the labor gap. Since 2011, the Foundation has invested more than \$500 million in veteran causes and improved more than 60,000 veteran homes and facilities. The Foundation has pledged to invest \$750 million in veteran causes by 2030 and \$50 million in training the next generation of skilled tradespeople through the Path to Pro program by 2028. To learn more about The Home Depot Foundation, visit HomeDepotFoundation.org and follow us on X @HomeDepotFound and on Facebook and Instagram @HomeDepotFoundation.