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## Lowe's Charitable Foundation Sponsors Make a Difference Day Project

*Rebuilding Together/ Lowe's Partnership Gives Daughter with Disability New Room*

**GERMANTOWN, MD** – On Saturday October 24 volunteers from Lowe's of Germantown and JML Remodeling are dedicating their time and expertise to make improvements to the home of a local multigenerational family.

Thirty-one year old Ms. C lives in her mother's townhouse with her daughter, age 11, and newborn. The daughter has Cerebral Palsy and, due to her limited mobility, has to be carried up and down the stairs of their townhome throughout the day. As she has grown, this practice has become a health and safety concern for both mother and daughter. RTMC has recruited JML Remodeling to renovate the first floor, creating a bedroom and bathroom that are fully accessible for the daughter and her caregivers. Funding and materials for this project have been provided by Lowe's Charitable Foundation in partnership with the Germantown store.

This project is one of 35 Rebuilding Together projects awarded a \$10,000 grant focused on home modifications and energy efficiency. Projects will be completed on or around October 24, which is Make a Difference Day, a national day of helping others.

"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 is in the business of helping people improve and maintain their homes," said Larry D. Stone, chairman of the 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."

**Rebuilding Together Montgomery County** (RTMC) repairs and modifies homes for low-income families, allowing them to remain safe and independent within their own homes. Founded in 1990, RTMC is one of 205 affiliates of the national organization. RTMC has utilized 40,000 volunteers in our 20 year history to make needed repairs on over 1,468 homes in Montgomery County. Rebuilding Together volunteers have delivered over \$13.5 million in home repairs to the community. Our goal is to preserve homeownership (the most affordable housing option) in Montgomery County while striving to provide a safe and healthy home for every family. For more information, visit [www.rebuildingtogethermc.org](http://www.rebuildingtogethermc.org).

Lowe's partnered nationally with Rebuilding Together in 2007 and contributed more than \$25 million in 2008 to support community and education projects in the United States and Canada. Lowe's also encourages volunteerism through the Lowe's Heroes program, a company-wide employee volunteer initiative. Lowe's is a FORTUNE® 50 company with fiscal year 2008 sales of \$48.2 billion and has more than 1,675 stores in the United States and Canada. For more information, visit [www.lowes.com/community](http://www.lowes.com/community).