



VOLUNTEERS FROM THE HOME DEPOT AND RUSSIAN JACK COMMUNITY TO BUILD A NEW KaBOOM! PLAYGROUND IN ONE DAY

-- Project Part of National Initiative to Build or Refurbish 1,000 Playspaces in 1,000 Days --

What: Volunteers from The Home Depot and the Russian Jack community are joining forces to build a new state-of-the-art KaBOOM! playground in ONE day at Williwaw Park. The playground's design is based on drawings by children from the Russian Jack community who attended a Design Day in April. Currently, Williwaw Park is a wooded area with a small space cleared for a ball field with backstop and some small tot equipment that is close to a major road, with no fence or barriers to prevent children from running into the street. Also, the location within the park is inconvenient to families because it is located beyond the ball field. This new playground is a missing link that will improve the quality of life for children as well as improve the pride that they have in their community. It will give them a safe place to play for years to come.

In addition to providing funding for the project, more than 150 associates from local The Home Depot stores will spend their day off helping volunteers from the Russian Jack community build this brightly-colored playground in just one day.

When: Thursday, June 22, 2006
 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Volunteers build playground
 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Best viewing of near complete project
 2:30 p.m. Board-cutting ceremony to open new playground

Where: Williwaw Park, Bliss and Debarr Streets, Anchorage

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Background

The Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) was formed to advance parks, recreation opportunities, trails and conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors to Anchorage. The Anchorage Park Foundation is a fund of the Alaska Community Foundation, a nonprofit public charity established to promote philanthropy and provide financial management for organizations.

KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America. Over the past decade, KaBOOM! has used its innovative community-build model to bring together business and community interests to construct nearly 1,000 new playgrounds, skateparks, sports fields and ice rinks across North America. KaBOOM! also offers a variety of resources, including a Web portal and online community, trainings, grants and publications for communities that wish to plan a new playspace on their own.

This project is part of The Home Depot's \$25 million commitment to KaBOOM! to create and refurbish 1,000 playspaces in 1,000 days. As a founding partner of KaBOOM!, The Home Depot provides financial support, materials and numerous volunteers for playspace projects across North America as part of its ongoing commitment to give back to the communities its stores serve. By the end of 2006, The Home Depot and KaBOOM! will have built more than 500 new playgrounds, ice rinks and sports fields.

As the world's largest home improvement retailer, The Home Depot embraces its role as a leader in social responsibility and celebrates its long-standing commitment to volunteerism. The Home Depot's associate volunteer program, Team Depot, was formalized in 1992 as a way to support the communities where the associates live, work and play.