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Local Ace Hardware Stores Kickoff "It Just Takes One" Penny Drive fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, August 1-31, 2011

Washington, DC/Baltimore, MD – Ace Hardware stores in Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD, know a little means a lot when it comes to sick kids. The retail group is kicking off a month-long Penny Drive in August to benefit area Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMN).

The goal: Fill a 5-gallon water jug at each of the seven stores. Each jug holds approximately 30,000 pennies -- that's \$300 for a total of \$2,100 -- and owners Gina Schaefer and Marc Friedman have committed to matching a portion of the proceeds. The local campaign leads up to the Mix For Kids Radiothon on September, 10, 2011, a joint fundraising effort with 107.3 and CMN that raised more than \$160K last year.

This year's Penny Drive is part of a nationwide campaign that includes 25 Ace retailers from D.C. to San Francisco supporting local charities and organizations.

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About A Few Cool Hardware Stores

<u>A Few Cool Hardware Stores</u> represents a group of locally owned hardware shops in metro Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD. The stores are part of the Ace Hardware co-operative and offer basic homemaintenance products, knowledgeable service and some of the best customer service this side of the Mississippi.

DC Area

Logan Hardware, 1416 P St. NW Glover Park Hardware, 2251 Wisconsin Ave. NW Tenleytown Ace Hardware, 4500 Wisconsin Ave. NW 5th Street Ace Hardware, 1055 5th St. NW Old Takoma Ace Hardware, 7001 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD

Baltimore

Federal Hill Ace Hardware, 1214 Light St. Waverly Ace Hardware, 601 Homestead St.

About Children's Miracle Network Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is a foundation dedicated to helping as many children as possible by raising funds for children's hospitals. To date, the organization has raised more than \$3.4 billion, most of which is donated a dollar or two at a time.