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CANTON ACE HARDWARE OPENS SEPTEMBER 2012

The old canning factory warehouse gets a new life as a neighborhood hardware store.

Baltimore, MD – Get your home-improvement projects ready Canton! **Canton Ace Hardware is set to open this September in the old canning factory warehouse at 1022 Binney St.**

“Canton has great independent shops and restaurants, and we think it's perfect for our brand of mom-and-pop hardware stores,” said co-owner Gina Schaefer who, together with her husband Marc Friedman, owns seven other Ace stores in Baltimore and Washington, DC. “There seems to be lots of renovations going on and we love that this is a lively walking community,” she added. The couple specializes in helping to revitalize urban locations and will hire up to 20 employees at Canton Ace.

Like all of their stores, the 11,000-square-foot space will house a diverse inventory of more than 25,000 products including basic hardware, housewares, lawn & garden, patio furniture, grills & tailgating accessories, pet supplies, Schulte Shelving, drywall, boating supplies and more. Customers will also benefit from a slew of specialty services like key cutting, tool rentals, paint matching, glass/wood cutting, and screen repair. Indeed, the store endeavors to be not just a place to stock up on hammers and nails, but the community’s home-maintenance hub.

“We’re looking forward to meeting our new neighbors and becoming a resource for their home projects,” said General Manager John Elliott. “We’re glad that we can be right around the corner for their basic necessities.”

Neighbors can join the Founding Member program by emailing founder@charmcityacehardware.com. Founding Members get monthly coupons to use when the store opens and an invitation to The Hardware Ball, the exclusive opening party.

Dogs welcome!

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About A Few Cool Hardware Stores: A Few Cool Hardware Stores is comprised of Canton Ace, Waverly Ace and Federal Hill Ace in Baltimore, and five additional locations in DC. The stores are part of the national Ace Hardware co-operative. This means they are locally owned establishments that bring jobs to and keep business in the local economy.

Check out A Few Cool Hardware Stores’ expansive online presence including *The Urban Toolbox*, the monthly eNewsletter, a sought-after community resource that keeps customers up to date on store events, product information and special sales.

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