



CONCERN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING GETS \$312K HOME DEPOT GRANT

February 2, 2015 - Concern for Independent Living has been awarded \$312,134 from The Home Depot Foundation to support the Concern Ronkonkoma veterans housing project. The mission of The Home Depot Foundation is to improve the homes and lives of U.S. military veterans and their families. Since 2011, they have invested more than \$82 million to support the housing needs of veterans. In addition, Home Depot associates contribute their own time and talents to make a difference for veterans in local communities through Team Depot, an associate-led volunteer force. Concern also is looking forward to partnering with Team Depot volunteers on this project.

The goal of the Concern Ronkonkoma Veterans Housing project is to provide much needed affordable housing on Long Island to veterans who have served our country. Concern Ronkonkoma will provide housing with supportive services for 30 homeless veterans and 29 low-income families in Suffolk County, Long Island. It will include laundry facilities, outdoor gardens, off-street parking, computer room, exercise room, community spaces and staff offices. Designed to resemble a townhome community that will blend seamlessly into the surrounding neighborhood, Concern Ronkonkoma will meet the criteria of ENERGY STAR v. 3.0 and Enterprise Green Communities. Construction on this project began in 2014 and completion is anticipated in early 2016.

“Concern is elated to work with Team Depot and The Home Depot Foundation on this important project,” remarked Ralph Fasano, Executive Director of Concern for Independent Living. “Partnerships such as this are an integral part to ending veteran homelessness in our region.”

Additional funding for this project was provided through Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, New York State Office of Mental Health, New York State Homeless Housing and Assistance Program, and the County of Suffolk.

For more information about The Home Depot Foundation visit: <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/>