



Bethalto Ace Hardware Helps Generate More Than \$34,727 for Local Hospitals

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ST. LOUIS, MO. – Throughout 2018, Ace Hardware of Bethalto helped make miracles happen in the Greater St. Louis area for St. Louis Children's Hospital and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, member hospitals of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals of Greater St. Louis (CMN-STL).

Ace Hardware of Bethalto helped generate more than \$34,727 for their local hospitals. Throughout the year, Ace Hardware of Bethalto participated in Ace Bucket Day, yearlong roundup, an item of the month promotions, World Famous Chocolate candy sales, BBQs, etc.

With their customers, vendors and other community supports, Ace Hardware of Bethalto raised over \$24,727. The total raised by Ace Hardware of Bethalto made it the number one single-store fundraiser for Ace nationwide.

Duracell Battery awarded Gary Johnson (Owner of Ace Hardware of Bethalto) an additional \$10,000 for being the top single-store retailer. One hundred percent of funds remained local, benefitting CMN-STL member hospitals, St. Louis Children's Hospital and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

“At Ace Hardware, we're committed to being the helpful place and part of that is our commitment to giving back to the community we serve. We are locally owned and locally giving back,” said Gary Johnson, Owner of Ace Hardware in Bethalto, IL. “Ace Hardware employees and customers went above and beyond — raising more funds for programs and services insurance does not cover, vital equipment, and major hospital renovations — which helps create more miracles for sick children in our neighborhoods.”

Ace Hardware has already started fundraising for 2019. This year Ace Hardware will host Ace Bucket Day on August 2, 3 and 4th. Customers can buy a bucket for \$5 (proceeds benefit CMN-STL) and receive 20% off of items they fill their bucket with (*select items not eligible for discount). Stores will also continue Round-Up for Kids campaign where customers can round up their change to the nearest dollar. Ace Hardware has been a proud supporter of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals since 1991. Thanks to the generosity of Ace customers, retailers, vendors, and team members, together Ace has raised more \$214,568 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals of Greater St. Louis in 2018.

About the Ace Hardware Foundation

As the official charitable division of Ace Hardware Corporation, the Ace Hardware Foundation helps enhance the vision of being the “Helpful Place” in local communities across the country and around the globe through charitable giving.

The Ace Foundation provides support and philanthropic opportunities to its consumers, retail store owners, vendors and team members to give back to local communities through fundraising efforts for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and American Red Cross Disaster Relief.

About Ace Hardware

For more than 90 years, Ace Hardware has been known as the place with the helpful hardware folks in thousands of neighborhoods across America, providing customers with a more personal kind of helpful. In 2017, Ace ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Home Improvement Retail Stores, Eleven Years in a Row," according to J.D. Power. With more than 5,000 hardware stores locally owned and operated across the globe, Ace is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the world. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace and its subsidiaries operate an expansive network of distribution centers in the U.S. and also have distribution capabilities in Ningbo, China; Colon, Panama; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Its retailers' stores are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and approximately 55 countries. For more information on Ace, visit acehardware.com or the company newsroom at newsroom.acehardware.com.

About Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Children's Miracle Network Hospitals® raises funds and awareness for 170 member hospitals that provide 32 million treatments each year to kids across the U.S. and Canada. Donations stay local to fund critical treatments and healthcare services, pediatric medical equipment and charitable care. Since 1983, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals has raised more than \$5 billion, most of it \$1 at a time through the charity's Miracle Balloon icon. Its various fundraising partners and programs support the nonprofit's mission to save and improve the lives of as many children as possible.