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QEP Employees Honor Veterans with ‘Celebration of Service’

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA – October 25, 2011—Q.E.P. CO., INC. (OTC: QEPC.PK) On Saturday, October 22, 2011, Q.E.P. Co., Inc. employees, along with their families and friends, joined with the veterans residing at the Stand Down House to renovate several buildings and refresh the exterior landscaping. Stand Down House assists and houses homeless veterans who are struggling to return to ‘civilian’ life.

During the renovation the media room, dining room and offices of the Stand Down House were painted and more than 1,600 square feet of new flooring was laid. Outside, more than 625 linear feet of concrete edging was installed, twelve large flower beds were weeded and over 300 cubic feet of mulch added and trees were pruned. The group also joined together to replace the broken concrete stops in the parking lot and restripe the entire parking area.

Len Gould, QEP’s President, said “One of QEP’s core values is to honor those who have served our country. The Stand Down House was in need of a lot of basic repair and remodeling. This is our business and we were happy to help. It says a lot about the commitment of QEP employees who volunteered to make this happen last Saturday.”

Casimiro H. Crocket, PHD, Development & Administrative Director of Faith*Hope*Love*Charity, Inc. that oversees the Stand Down House expressed the grateful appreciation of the veterans who reside at the Stand Down House. “This was an amazing transformation of our housing units and property that created enthusiasm and joy in our veterans and a real expression of care and love for every veteran by QEP.”

The renovation project was a coordinated effort with The Home Depot Foundation’s “Celebration of Service” Campaign, which is in the midst of a three year veterans focus. THD Foundation shared the costs of the renovation with Q.E.P. Co., Inc.

Q.E.P. Co., Inc., founded in 1979, is a leading worldwide manufacturer, marketer and distributor of a comprehensive line of hardwood flooring, flooring installation tools, adhesives and flooring related products targeted for the professional installer as well as the do-it-yourselfer. The Company sells its products to home improvement retail centers and specialty distribution outlets in 50 states and throughout the world. To learn more about QEP, visit us at www.gepcorporate.com.

The Home Depot Foundation is committed to ensuring that every U.S. military veteran has a safe place to call home. In April 2011, the Foundation launched a three-year, \$30 million initiative to address veterans’ critical housing needs. Since its formation in 2002, The Home Depot Foundation has granted more than \$270 million to nonprofit organizations improving homes and lives in local communities. To learn more and see our associates in action, visit www.homedepotfoundation.org, follow us on Twitter @homedepotfdn, and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation.

Stand Down, owned & operated by Faith*Hope*Love*Charity, Inc. (FHLC, Inc.), assists male and female veterans who are struggling & have lost their homes & ability to lead productive lives due to combat & non-combat related mental & physical wounds/illness, addictions, and/or other issues regain their independence and lives through transitional living, a multi tiered program, & collaboration with government agencies, VSOs, & the community. To learn more about the Stand Down House, visit us at www.standdown.org.