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## **200 VOLUNTEERS FROM GRAMERCY HOUSING GROUP, KaBOOM, AND THE HOME DEPOT JOIN FORCES TO BUILD STATE OF THE ART PLAYGROUND**

**WHAT:** More than 200 volunteers from Gramercy Housing Group, The Home Depot, and organizers from the nonprofit organization KaBOOM! will join together to build a state-of-the-art, 2,500 square foot playground in one day. The playground will provide a safe, fun environment for the children in the community.

**WHERE:** Gramercy Housing Group  
1824 4th Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90019

**WHEN: Thursday, September 17**

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| 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. | Project Kick-Off                         |
| 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Best viewing of playground construction  |
| 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Final construction phase and adjustments |
| 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | "Board-Cutting" closing ceremony         |

### **INVITED**

**DIGNITARIES:** Speaker of the California State Assembly, Karen Bass  
LA County Supervisor, Mark Ridley-Thomas  
LA City Councilmember, Herb Wesson

Founded in 1996, GHG is a non-profit community organization whose mission is to provide service-enriched affordable housing and assistance to young families as they transition to their own homes. Originally a volunteer organization, GHG has grown into an organization that uniquely brings together the essential services needed by young families, which include access to affordable housing with on-site childcare, education/employment assistance and supportive services. More information about GHG can be found on our website: [www.gramerchyhousinggroup.org](http://www.gramerchyhousinggroup.org).

As a founding partner of KaBOOM!, The Home Depot Foundation provides financial support, materials and numerous volunteers for play space projects across North America as part of its ongoing commitment to give back to the communities its stores serve. In addition to providing funding for the project, more than 150 associates from local The Home Depot stores will spend their day off helping volunteers from Gramercy Housing Group build the playground.

KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America. Celebrating 14 years of service in 2009, KaBOOM! has used its innovative community-build model to bring together business and community interests to construct new playgrounds, skate parks, sports fields and ice rinks across North America.

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