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LOWCOUNTRY ACE HARDWARE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

The Helpful Hardware Company acquires Lowcountry Ace Hardware, expanding its Charleston, SC footprint.

Ladson, SC, June 26, 2023 - The Helpful Hardware Company is pleased to welcome Lowcountry Ace Hardware, Ladson, SC, to its rapidly growing family of 18 Ace Hardware stores in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Lowcountry Ace Hardware has been serving the Ladson area for over thirty-nine years under the leadership of Calvin (a retired Air Force Veteran) and Lynn Rhoney. This neighborhood hardware store features U-Haul® truck and trailer rentals, UPS® drop off center, key cutting, screen repair, propane, and an extensive selection of the best brands offered at Ace Hardware stores, including Craftsman®, Weber®, EGO®, Traeger® and more! Along with Ace Hardware Duncan in Goose Creek, SC and Westbury's Ace Hardware in Holly Hill, SC, The Helpful Hardware Company now proudly operates three stores in the greater Charleston, SC market.

"Lowcountry Ace Hardware is a perfect addition to our chain of stores and broadens our presence in the Charleston, SC market. This location brings thirty-nine years of 'helpful service' to The Helpful Hardware Company portfolio. We look forward to integrating Lowcountry Ace Hardware into The Helpful Hardware family and continuing the legacy that Calvin and Lynn have built," said Darin Workman, President of The Helpful Hardware Company.

The Helpful Hardware Company, headquartered in Cumming, GA, is a member of the largest retailer-owned, cooperative, Ace Hardware. Founded in 2014, The Helpful Hardware Company has grown to 18 stores across the Southeast. The company is led by Darin Workman, who has over twenty-five years of leadership experience in the hardware industry. Together with JPB Partners, a family office investor out of Hanover, MD, The Helpful Hardware Company continues to seek more acquisition opportunities for further growth and expansion. The Helpful Hardware Company is committed to growing deep roots in the communities it serves and our commitment to customer satisfaction is unmatched. For more

information about Lowcountry Ace Hardware and the rest of The Helpful Hardware stores, visit www.helpfulhardwareco.com.

About Ace Hardware

Ace Hardware is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the world with more than 5,300 locally owned and operated hardware stores in approximately seventy countries. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace, and its subsidiaries operate an expansive network of distribution centers in the U.S. and around the world. Since 1924, Ace has become a part of local communities around the world and known as the place with the helpful hardware folks. For more information, visit acehardware.com or newsroom.acehardware.com.