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**ORANGE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ARTS ACADEMY (OCEAA)
RECEIVES \$5,000 GRANT**

Lowe's Donates Money For OCEAA Zen Zone Project

MOORESVILLE, N.C. – Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 Toolbox for Education grant to OCEAA for their Zen Zone. The mission of the Zen Zone is to provide an outdoor garden classroom and social experience for all stakeholders of OCEAA, to include education, environmental stewardship, character and social development, and outdoor dining option in cooperation and support of OCEAA's Garden Grill healthy lunch program.

"The grant in the city of Santa Ana represents Lowe's commitment to education," said Larry D. Stone, chairman of Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. "By supporting local schools like OCEAA, we believe we are not only investing in community projects that are important to our customers and employees, but we're also helping schools build a stronger foundation for the children who will be tomorrow's employees, homeowners and community leaders."

Launched in partnership with PTO Today, a leading organization serving parent-teacher groups, Toolbox for Education grants of up to \$5,000 are available for the 2006-2007 school year for a wide range of improvement projects at up to 1,000 schools nationwide. Parent groups may apply by visiting www.ToolboxforEducation. All K-12 schools in the United States are eligible.

About Lowe's

Lowe's is a proud supporter of Habitat for Humanity International, American Red Cross, United Way of America, and the Home Safety Council, in addition to numerous non-profit organizations and programs that help communities across the country. In 2005, the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation awarded \$13 million to diverse organizations across the United States. Lowe's also encourages volunteerism through the Lowe's Heroes program, a company-wide employee volunteer initiative. Lowe's is a FORTUNE® 500 company with fiscal year 2005 sales of \$43.2 billion and has more than 1,250 stores in 49 states. For more information, visit Lowes.com/community.

Santa Ana Community Volunteers Encouraged

On Saturday, March 10, 2007, parents, staff and friends of OCEAA will be sponsoring a volunteer work day to implement the Zen Zone at OCEAA. This is a great opportunity for community service, Master Gardener's, or contributing to the success of a K-8 school. We are requesting volunteers commit to at least three hours either from 9:00 to 12:00 (lunch provided by Garden Grill 12:00 to 1:00) and afternoon session 1:00 to 4:00. For additional information or to pledge your help, please contact Cynthia Criollos at (714) 547-3359 or ccriollos@oceaa.org