

Allegro Foundation...a Champion for Children with Disabilities receives a HUGE gift from the community

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Doug Joyner (Southside Baptist Church), David McGuirk (Southside Baptist Church), John Muller (Chair of the Allegro Board of Directors), Corey Carpenter (Lowe's Home Improvement), and Chip Farmer (SCCH Construction) with the Children of Allegro.

When the time came for the Allegro Foundation to relocate from their previous offices in Cotswold, their search led them to the Southend neighborhood where the congregation of Southside Baptist Church welcomed them with open hearts and open arms.

Southside Baptist Church offered Allegro Foundation a 1,500 square foot duplex on their campus and stated that if Allegro could find a way to renovate the property to fit the needs of their mission, then Allegro could have the duplex for \$1 a year for 10 years.

"It was a proud moment when Allegro entered the life of Southside. Their commitment to children with disabilities is unrivaled. They truly are champions in developing the growth of these children and their families," said Doug Joyner, Deacon at Southside Baptist Church.

In a serendipitous moment occurring a few months later, Lowe's Home Improvement named Allegro Foundation the Lowe's Heroes Project and agreed to renovate the duplex free of charge.

"Lowe's recognized how much impact Allegro had on the community, and Lowe's also understood the opportunity to positively impact those who dedicate their lives to making the world a better place," according to Corey Carpenter of Lowe's.

Allegro Board Chair John Muller stated, "When you have a Fortune 500 company like Lowe's Home Improvement recognize the work of a nonprofit like



Chip Farmer, Jane Fastje, Lee Adams, Pat Farmer and Corey Carpenter at the official Ribbon Cutting Allegro, you know you are doing something right."

Allegro then asked longtime supporter, Chip Farmer of SCCH Construction if he would be willing to donate his company's services in handling the overall management of the project, and he said yes.

"Working with Corey and the volunteers from Lowes was incredible. It's great to see a huge corporation giving back to the immediate community that supports it and whom it serves," said Farmer.

Along with several other local businesses, Allegro Foundation took this once uninhabitable duplex that sat vacant for over two decades, down to the studs and rebuilt it into a brand new, fully operational office for their administrative headquarters.

"All the companies and individuals involved in this renovation gave us more than an office – they gave us hope and a future to continue helping children living with disabilities," said Pat Farmer, Founder/President of Allegro Foundation.

To learn more about Allegro Foundation ... a Champion for Children with Disabilities, contact Stephen Davis at stephend@allegrofoundation.net, 704.412.5229 or visit www.AllegroFoundation.net.

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