



Lowe's India donates Rs. 6 lakhs to Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

~Procures 60 digital tablets for skill development for 100 disabled youth~

Bengaluru, 10th May 2018: Lowe's India, the global in-house center of Lowe's Companies Inc., a FORTUNE® 50 home improvement company headquartered in Mooresville, NC, U.S., today announced that it donated INR 6 lakhs to Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in 2017-18 as part of its ongoing commitment to serving communities in India. Since its inception in 2014 in India, Lowe's India has extensively engaged with communities and will be announcing new projects with other community partners in the coming months.

Lowe's India has donated INR 6 Lakhs to Samarthanam Trust for the disabled to support 100 disabled youth across their three centers towards procuring digital tablets. Samarthanam Trust's Learning Resource Center has currently been functioning in HSR layout since 2007 and each center trains over 55-60 candidates (including visually and other disabled candidates) on a quarterly basis to be optimally functional in their work places. Most of these youths who are trained at the center do not have access to mobile technology because of their financial status and have never handled a smartphone in their lives. As a result, they miss out on many basic facilities that are available on mobile devices, and which have the potential to make life easier, such as paying bills, shopping, or searching for a job. Being digitally and technically independent by using the tablets will help boost their self-confidence, help to improve patience and perseverance, enable and nurture forward thinking and strategic planning, leadership and socialization, and provide for a better mental and creative prowess.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. James Brandt, Managing Director – Lowe's India said, "Lowe's India has always believed in giving back to the communities around us through our social responsibility initiatives in focus areas of housing, education and environment. We are happy to continue our association with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and it is in line with our vision to build skills for self-reliance as a new aid for development in digital education."

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Mahantesh, Director - Samarthanam Trust for The Disabled said, "We are very happy that a global organisation such as Lowe's India has chosen to associate with us on numerous occasions in the past. This time the donation of 60 tablets will enable our disabled to develop skills that will give them hands-on experience in the recent digitally revolutionised market."

Lowe's India's focuses on housing, education and environment as part of its corporate social responsibility initiatives. Employee volunteerism is a strong foundational concept at Lowe's India, and every year Lowe's India employees are encouraged to participate and give back to the communities. Prior to this, Lowe's India has partnered with Samarthanam for various employee volunteerism activities.

About Lowe's

Lowe's Companies, Inc. (NYSE: LOW) is a FORTUNE® 50 home improvement company serving more than 18 million customers a week in the United States, Canada and Mexico. With fiscal year 2017 sales of \$68.6 billion, Lowe's and its related businesses operate or service more than 2,390 home improvement and hardware stores and employ over 310,000 people. Founded in 1946 and based in Mooresville, N.C., Lowe's supports the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects.

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About Lowe's India

Lowe's India is the global in-house center for Lowe's Companies Inc., and is based out of Bengaluru, India. With over 1700+ employees, Lowe's India defines and delivers innovative solutions in technology, analytics and shared services to help achieve enterprise productivity and growth. Our



technology teams deliver projects in digital operations, e-commerce, mobile, infrastructure and corporate systems, and data analytics teams enable in making data-driven decisions in merchandising, store operations, finance and supply chain. Since its inception in 2014, Lowe's India has contributed to the community through programs that focus on housing, education and environment.

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