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WESTBURY'S ACE HARDWARE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

The Helpful Hardware Company expands its South Carolina presence to Holly Hill and Surrounding Areas with the acquisition of Westbury's Ace Hardware

Holly Hill, SC, DECEMBER 30, 2022 – The Helpful Hardware Company is pleased to welcome Westbury's Ace Hardware (Holly Hill, SC) to its rapidly growing family of fifteen (15) Ace Hardware stores throughout Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The store has served the Holly Hill and surrounding areas for over 45 years under the leadership of Ernest Westbury. Westbury's Ace Hardware is a neighborhood store that offers an extensive selection of hardware, plumbing, electrical, paint, lawn and garden, seed and feed, clothing, and sporting goods..

"Westbury's Ace Hardware is an amazing addition to The Helpful Hardware Company family. I am excited to continue the legacy that Mr. Westbury has created over the past 45 years. Thank you to Mr. Westbury and the Westbury family for choosing The Helpful Hardware Company to carry the torch and for allowing us the opportunity to serve the Holly Hill community for years to come," said Darin Workman, CEO of The Helpful Hardware Company.

The Helpful Hardware Company (THHC), headquartered in Cumming, Georgia, is a member of the largest retailer-owned cooperative, Ace Hardware. Founded in 2014, THHC has grown to fifteen (15) stores across the Southeast. The Company is led by Darin Workman, who has over 25 years of leadership experience in the hardware industry. Together with JPB Partners, a family office sponsor out of Hanover, MD, THHC seeks additional acquisition opportunities for growth and expansion. Operating under the Ace Hardware brand, THHC is committed to growing deep roots in the communities they serve and with a commitment to unmatched customer satisfaction.

Hours for the Westbury's Ace Hardware store are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information about Westbury's Ace Hardware, visit www.helpfulhardwareco.com.

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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, III., Ace, and its subsidiaries operate an expansive network of distribution centers in the U.S. and have distribution capabilities in

Ningbo, China; Colon, Panama; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. 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.