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**The Piedmont Park Conservancy Receives \$100,000 Grant from The Home Depot Foundation**  
*The Home Depot Foundation renews its commitment to Piedmont Park and the Active Oval*

ATLANTA, GA, December 31, 2019 – This December, the Piedmont Park Conservancy received a \$100,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation (THDF), a renewal of a 16 year commitment to Piedmont Park. THDF renewed its support of the Active Oval, a vast landscape designed to bring recreation and people together through the power of play.

In addition to being the one of the oldest landmarks in Piedmont Park, the Active Oval is one of the most frequented areas with over 350,000 users annually. On any given day, you can find individuals, their families and intramural sports teams engaging in healthy and active play.

The Active Oval at Piedmont Park is currently managed by one landscaper, whose job ranges from turf and drainage management to general repairs. As the only full-time landscaper responsible for all aspects of care within this area, duties include mulching, mowing, weeding, pruning, watering- all types of clean-up, from garbage to keeping the pathways clean and ensuring the equipment located in the area is in good condition. Funding from THDF supports the upkeep of the area and ensures the enhancement of quality of life for its users.

"The Home Depot Foundation is one of the Conservancy's longest standing and most generous supporters," says Mark Banta. "Between their skilled team members volunteering in Piedmont Park to financial support and access to critical goods and services, the Foundation is an invaluable partner."

The Home Depot Foundation partners with national and local nonprofit organizations across the United States to make a difference in the lives of our country's heroes and to support communities in need. The Piedmont Park Conservancy is a recipient of THDF Hometown Giving Program for Outdoor Spaces.

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The Piedmont Park Conservancy is a member and donor funded nonprofit working in partnership with the City of Atlanta to maintain and enhance historic Piedmont Park. Founded in 1989, the Conservancy raises over \$3 million each year to enhance and maintain the park. Today, the Conservancy manages over 90% of the overall maintenance and security of Piedmont Park.



Caption: Active Oval in Piedmont Park



Caption: The Home Depot Foundation Provides Gift Cards to the Piedmont Park Conservancy as Part of the Grant