

UP WITH TREES RECEIVES GRANT FROM ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY TREES

Tulsa non-profit Up With Trees has received a \$7,686 grant from the Alliance for Community Trees (ACT) and The Home Depot® Foundation. This challenge grant is part of the National NeighborWoods Program™, made possible with support of The Home Depot Foundation. NeighborWoods is a nationwide initiative that engages the public in meaningful hands-on action to produce tangible improve-

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ments to community health through tree planting and stewardship.

Up With Trees is one of 11 organizations nationwide that will receive a NeighborWoods™ award in support of partnerships between urban forestry non-profits and affordable housing providers.

Up With Trees is a 32-year-old Tulsa-based non-profit that beautifies the greater Tulsa area by planting trees and creates urban forestry awareness through education.

Up With Trees will plant trees at 40 homes owned by participants of CAP's First-time Homebuyer Program. Tree recipients will live in neighborhoods with CAP Early Childhood Centers, where 80 percent of enrolled children live at or below the federal poverty line. All 40 homeowners will attend tree planting and tree care seminars offered during the summer months, and will participate in tree plantings from October through December along with volunteers from The Home Depot and Up With Trees. The new trees will help combat Tulsa's lack of safe, affordable housing by improving neighborhood aesthetics, increasing homeowners' property values and reducing their energy usage by providing shade on the South face of the residences.

"It's great to see this kind of support of Tulsa programs from national organizations," said Up With Trees Executive Director Anna America. "One of the messages we are trying to get across to people is that trees aren't just something you throw in to make a city more beautiful, they really improve the quality of life and make a community safer, healthier and more livable." ■