

Dollar General Breaks Ground on 10th Distribution Center in Bessemer, Ala.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation, Leo A. Daly and Clayco donate \$10,000 to local organizations

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Dollar General (NYSE: DG) broke ground today on its 10th distribution center in Bessemer, Ala. The \$100 million facility, located on more than 100 acres at 4101 Lakeshore Parkway, should eventually employ 650 people and will be the largest such facility in Jefferson County.



"Today, Dollar General marks the beginning of a new distribution center and celebrates our commitment to the Bessemer community," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO, at the ground-breaking ceremony hosted by Birmingham Business Alliance. "We are excited to begin construction on this state-of-the art facility, which will support more than 1,000 stores and will bring hundreds of jobs to the area."

Dollar General's groundbreaking ceremony celebrated the start of construction on the new distribution center. Mayor Kenneth Gulley; Rep. Terri Sewell; Commissioner Jimmie Stephens, Jefferson County Commission; Director Seth Hammett, Alabama Development Office; and other state and local officials welcomed Dollar General to the community during the event.

The one million square-foot distribution center is expected to open in early 2012 and to serve more than 1,000 stores throughout Alabama and the Southeast.

In honor of the new distribution center, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, architect Leo A. Daly and general contractor Clayco Inc. donated a total of \$10,000 to Abrams Elementary, Charles F. Hard Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Jonesboro Elementary, Westhills Elementary, Concord Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, McAdory Elementary and the Bessemer Public Library.

The Bessemer facility joins Dollar General's network of nine distribution centers, which are located in Kentucky, Oklahoma, Virginia, Mississippi,

Dollar General marked the construction of its 10th distribution center with a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new facility in Bessemer, Ala. Ceremony participants included (left to right) Wes Grandstrand, vice president, Leo A. Daly; Brad Wilson, U.S. Senator Shelby's office; Jerry Ferfes, Dollar General's Bessemer distribution center manager; U.S. Representative Terri Sewell; Commissioner Jimmie Stephens, Jefferson County Commission; Director Seth Hammett, Alabama Development Office; Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO; Mayor Kenneth Gulley; James McManus, chairman, Birmingham Business Alliance; John Flanigan, Dollar General's EVP, global supply chain; Brian Hilson, president and CEO of Birmingham Business Alliance and Dave Moses, EVP Clayco (Photo: Business Wire)

Missouri, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina and Indiana.

Dollar General currently operates 511 stores in Alabama, including 32 in Jefferson County.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, such as statements regarding expectations of employment levels and opening dates of the distribution center. Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements. All forward-looking information should be evaluated in the context of these risks, uncertainties and other factors. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed in or implied by such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- delays or unanticipated expenses in constructing the distribution center;
- natural disasters, weather conditions, pandemic outbreaks, boycotts, war and geo-political events.

All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by these and other cautionary statements that we make from time to time in our other SEC filings and public communications. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date on which they were made. As a result of these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements included herein or that may be made elsewhere from time to time by, or on behalf of, the Company.

About Dollar General Corporation

Dollar General Corporation has been delivering value to shoppers for more than 70 years. Dollar General helps shoppers Save time. Save money. Every day!® by offering products that are frequently used and replenished, such as food, snacks, health and beauty aids, cleaning supplies, basic apparel, house wares and seasonal items at low everyday prices in convenient neighborhood locations. With more than 9,500 stores in 35 states, Dollar General has more retail locations than any retailer in America. In addition to high quality private brands, Dollar General sells products from America's most-trusted manufacturers such as Procter & Gamble, Kimberly-Clark, Unilever, Kellogg's, General Mills, Nabisco, Hanes, PepsiCo and Coca-Cola. Learn more about Dollar General at www.dollargeneral.com.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

Dollar General is a leading discount retailer with more than 9,500 neighborhood stores in 35 states. Dollar General stores provide convenience and value to customers by offering consumable basic items such as food, snacks, health and beauty aids and cleaning supplies, as well as basic apparel, house wares and seasonal items at everyday low prices. The company has a longstanding tradition of supporting literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$52 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 2.9 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. To learn more about Dollar General, visit www.dollargeneral.com.

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