

How Does Vacuuming Help Young Lives? *New Carpeting for an Atlanta Boys and Girls Club Turns a Mundane Chore Into A Source of Inspiration*



Judy Jackson Raines has never in her life been so excited to vacuum. As Executive Director of the Harland Boys and Girls club in Atlanta, her days are usually spent coordinating programs for youth in disadvantaged circumstances. But today, after the organization received long-overdue new carpeting, she's spending her afternoon happily vacuuming her new office. What does that chore have to do with inspiring, motivating, and impacting young lives? A great deal, actually.

For many children, the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta (BGCMA) is their shelter from the storm, and as such, should offer a safe, clean, comfortable environment. Unfortunately, years of wear and tear had caused the club's carpet to become dingy and unraveled in several spots, creating tripping hazards.

A request to replace the carpet was made to Team Depot, The Home Depot's charitable arm, who then contacted Romanoff Floor Covering to bid on the project. Upon learning that the work was for BGCMA, **Romanoff decided that rather than submit a bid, they would donate the labor and materials for the project. This included over 730 feet of carpet as well as materials to repair the damaged subfloor.**

After the installation was complete, Judy could hardly wait to vacuum, feeling as though she had a brand new place to work, and excited in knowing that the kids would relish in their pristine new floors. That sort of enthusiasm is contagious, and will be felt all of Judy's staff, and in turn, by all those the club helps. It's an improvement that many of us may take for granted, but for BGCMA, is a source of inspiration.

