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STANLEY® Announces A.C.E. Peer Resource Center as Third Round Winner of Build Your America Contest 2016 *Charitable community organizations awarded \$30,000 and Stanley Black & Decker products to complete projects*

New Britain, CT (February 7, 2017) – STANLEY has announced A.C.E. Peer Resource Center of Seaford, Delaware its third and final round winner of its BUILD YOUR AMERICA 2016 contest, and marked the conclusion of the program where participants nominate and vote for a USA public charity or private foundation to receive \$10,000, and an assortment of Stanley Black & Decker tools valued at \$1,000 for use in completing a community project.

This is the third year that STANLEY has sponsored a contest to give back to the community. During 2016 charitable donations totaling \$30,000 as well as tool prize packs were awarded to A.C.E. Peer Resource Center as well as:

- Active Heroes Retreat Center in Shepherdsville, KY for a new welcome center at the retreat site, and
- Kulture City, an organization whose mission to inspire the community and create a world where all autistic individuals are accepted, to create the first sensory-friendly, all-inclusive playground in the Birmingham, Alabama area.

During 2016 the STANLEY BUILD YOUR AMERICA program asked people to submit nominations describing in 500 characters or less how the charitable organization or private foundation would benefit the community with the STANLEY BUILD YOUR AMERICA prize along with a photo. Participants and nominees shared their stories to drive votes for their projects by visiting the Stanley Tools Build Your America webpage (www.stanleytools.com/buildyouramerica) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/stanleytoolsandsecurity)

Third Round Winner A.C.E. Peer Resource Center

A.C.E. Peer Resource Center provides acceptance, change and empowerment to members of Delaware's Sussex County community whether it is mental illness, addiction, homelessness or just loneliness. The organization provides support and help to improve the lives of all those who walk through our doors in various different ways.

"No matter what, everyone needs a place to live, somewhere to work, and someone to love. The A.C.E. Peer Resource Center helps in all three areas. We focus on sobriety, wellness and welcome. Our slogan is 'wellness begins with we' and we believe we are a welcome center to a better life," said Jim Martin, Director and Program Manager of A.C.E. Peer Resource Center. "We were amazed at the amount of support that our community gave us during this contest. It really validated what we are doing each day and I think our neighbors appreciate our work of helping the vulnerable members of our area. The work has been very rewarding."

During 2016, A.C.E. has assisted over 500 unique individuals in Delaware and has used social media for social good by connecting peers with a place to live, training and community connections.

With the Build Your America funds and tools from Stanley Tools, A.C.E. Resource Center will be able to open another center in nearby Georgetown, Delaware. This project will expand the organization's reach beyond the current Seaford location. To learn more about A.C.E. Resource Center, visit their [Facebook Page](#).

There's nothing more American than helping your neighbor. STANLEY is proud to help build America, one community at a time.

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