



ACE BARNES HARDWARE NAMED A 2018 'COOLEST HARDWARE STORE'

Ace Hardware Corporation recognizes local store for customized service

OAK BROOK, Ill., February 26, 2018 – Ace Hardware Corporation is pleased to announce that Ace Barnes Hardware of Ann Arbor, MI, has been named a 2018 “Coolest Hardware Store.” Ace Hardware, the world’s largest hardware cooperative, selects only a handful of Ace stores annually to receive this coveted recognition – all based on how each Ace store differentiates its product offerings, services and culture to meet the needs of the community.

For nearly 60 years, Ace Barnes Hardware has been serving the Ann Arbor community. The Barnes family is actively involved in day-to-day operations and enjoys working in the store, where they are able to keep in touch with their loyal customers and connect with the local community.

The Barnes family has evolved the store into a specialty housewares destination, while maintaining its traditional hardware roots. Ace Barnes Hardware is known for its selection of outdoor grilling options as well as its helpful experts focused on maintaining and enhancing home interiors. They offer advice on a variety of topics including paint projects, storage solutions, and even ideas for hosting a dinner party. The expanded housewares department which includes distinctive dishes, pots, and home décor items is just one example of the unique offerings at Ace Barnes Hardware.

In addition to serving the community through their store, Ace Barnes Hardware participates in Ann Arbor’s lively sports scene. They also support Mott Children’s Hospital by holding special Round-Up campaigns, and participate in Ace Children’s Miracle Network events throughout the year. Ace Barnes Hardware is always willing to donate to events that help support locals in need.

“We are excited to be named a 2018 ‘Coolest Hardware Store,’” said Ted Barnes, one of the owners of Ace Barnes Hardware. “We pride ourselves on being a trusted and reliable hardware store that offers a unique and fun shopping experience for the local community.”

“Of the more than 5,000 Ace locations around the world, no two are exactly alike,” said Dan Miller, Vice President of Retail Operations and New Business, Ace Hardware Corporation. “This, along with the service, convenience and quality our customers have come to expect, is just another reason why Ace stands the test of time. The team at Ace Barnes Hardware certainly exemplifies the Ace way – helpful, unique and always changing to meet the needs of the community.”

The Ace Barnes Hardware team was honored for their “Coolest Hardware Store” recognition at the company’s 2018 Pinnacle Conference in Las Vegas earlier this month.

For more information about Ace Barnes Hardware located in Ann Arbor, [visit their website](#).

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About Ace Hardware

For more than 90 years, Ace Hardware has been known as the place with the helpful hardware folks in thousands of neighborhoods across America, providing customers with a more personal kind of helpful. In 2017, Ace ranked “Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Home Improvement Retail Stores, Eleven Years in a Row,” according to J.D. Power. With more than 5,000 hardware stores locally owned and operated across the globe, Ace is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the world. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace and its subsidiaries operate an expansive network of distribution centers in the U.S. and also have distribution capabilities in Ningbo, China; Colon, Panama; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Its retailers’ stores are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and approximately 55 countries. For more information on Ace, visit acehardware.com or the company newsroom at newsroom.acehardware.com.

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