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## **BOYS & GIRLS HARBOR BREAKS GROUND ON TWO NEW RESIDENTIAL COTTAGES**

*Houston Habitat for Humanity, HomeAid Houston, Dakotablue Homes and 30 Ship Channel Industries team up to make room for more at-risk children*

**HOUSTON, TX (May 9, 2007)**—Celebrating 60 years of caring for abused children, Boys & Girls Harbor, in partnership with Houston Habitat for Humanity, HomeAid Houston with Dakotablue Homes and 30 Ship Channel industries, proudly announces the groundbreaking of two new residential cottages at the Morgan's Point campus on Friday, June 1 at 10:30am.

"By engaging the construction oversight, project administration and volunteer management expertise of Houston Habitat, Boys & Girls Harbor is able to build more economically than would otherwise be possible through more traditional methods," states Bill Jeter, President of Boys & Girls Harbor. "With HomeAid Houston supervising the entire construction process and Dakotablue Homes' labor and materials, the cottages are scheduled for completion in six months," adds Jeter.

Construction of the two 4,200 square foot cottage housing eight children and house parents is set to begin in June. Upon completion of this building project, the Harbor campus will accommodate 96 children. Expansion and modernization programs provide the increased ability to serve the growing population of at-risk children in Houston.

Assisting finances, time and talent are value partners Houston Habitat for Humanity charged with managing over 500 volunteers, HomeAid Houston named "builder captain" overseeing construction management services, Dakotablue Homes for contributing \$250,000 in labor and materials and 30 Ship Channel industries for supplying employees as volunteers.

"HomeAid selected Boys & Girls Harbor's campus expansion as one of two 2007 construction projects because of the Harbor's deep commitment and long history of helping abused children.

We, along with the Greater Builders Association of Houston, are honored to partner with Houston Habitat for Humanity and the volunteer employees from 30 Ship Channel companies to build two new cottages," explains Bette Moser, executive director of HomeAid Houston.

Celebrating the groundbreaking of the Harbor's newest cottages on Friday, June 1 is Boys & Girls Harbor board members, staff and children, local dignitaries, representatives from Houston Habitat for Humanity, HomeAid Houston, Dakotablue Homes and committed Houston Ship Channel companies. Boys & Girls Harbor is located at 514 Bayridge Road, LaPorte, Texas 77572.

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### **About Boys & Girls Harbor**

The mission of Boys & Girls Harbor is to provide healthy, comprehensive care for children and families in crisis. For children experiencing family hardship, neglect, abandonment or abuse, the Harbor provides a family environment in a home setting. Through its programs, the Harbor strives to help children learn to overcome self-destructive patterns, break cycles of abuse, develop social skills, learn responsibility, and work towards becoming healthy, happy, and productive members of society. For more information on how you can help the children at the Harbor visit Boys & Girls Harbor website at [www.boysandgirlsharbor.org](http://www.boysandgirlsharbor.org)

### **About Houston Habitat for Humanity**

Houston Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that works with hardworking, low-income families to build affordable homes. The organization provides zero-interest loans to first-time homebuyers who partner with volunteers and sponsors to build their own homes in neighborhoods throughout Houston and Harris County. For more information about Houston Habitat for Humanity, its affordable sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, visit [www.houstonhabitat.org](http://www.houstonhabitat.org).

### **About HomeAid Houston**

Established in 2003 as a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization by the Greater Houston Builders Association, HomeAid Houston is a chapter of HomeAid, the nation's largest provider of transitional housing for the temporarily homeless. As one of 22 chapters, HomeAid Houston works with non-profit homeless agencies to build and renovate housing for the transitionally homeless.

### **About Dakotablue Homes**

Dakotablue Homes was formed in late 2005 and is headed by Lenny Dalton, CEO and founder of the company. Dakotablue constructs homes in 10 communities throughout the Houston area with prices ranging from the \$140's to the \$300's. The first homes the company introduced to the market were built in the successful community of Riata Ranch located on Houston's northwest side. The company also constructs town homes as well as custom homes in the Tanglewood, Memorial and River Oaks areas under the Tuscany Estates name.