

HOMEAID & GHBA CUSTOM BUILDERS CONSTRUCT PLAYHOUSE FOR CHARITY

June 30, 2009 – HomeAid Houston and the Greater Houston Builders Association’s (GHBA) Custom Builder’s Council (CBC) are nearing completion of the 2009 playhouse that is being constructed for HomeAid’s annual Project Playhouse fund raiser. The Houston Astros are also on-board for the third year in a row with the donation of space to display the playhouse during July and August at Minute Maid Park.

This year’s house has been named *The Green Valley Playhouse*. The architectural design, donated by **Creole Design, LLC** is a farmhouse replica complete with dutch door, split rail porch, window boxes and a weather vane. It is also being built with a number of *green* features. The structure is modular to ensure easier transportation.

HomeAid’s Project Playhouse will benefit HomeAid’s mission – *To build dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives.*

The playhouse is being built with donated materials, services and labor by GHBA members. The CBC’s role in Project Playhouse is being led by Joe Flynn with Cambridge Estate Homes, president of the Custom Builders Association, and David Gordon with, Whitestone Builders. Project chair Stuart Feldman with Gulf & Basco is leading the HomeAid Houston side of the partnership.

Green Valley Playhouse is currently being constructed in the Gulf & Basco warehouse located just south of Minute Maid Park. Visitors to Minute Maid will be able to check out this fully loaded structure just a few yards inside the main entrance at Union Station from July 20 – August 23. The playhouses are kid-friendly and are loaded with amenities including A/C, operable windows, electrical supply, quality flooring, a flat screen television, a Wii, DVD player, Astro’s memorabilia and theme-oriented décor.

PARTICIPATING VENDORS

GHBA members who are donating to the construction include: **Boise Cascade** - Trex – decking and railing systems; **Huber Engineered Wood Products** – AdvanTech flooring system, Zip System roof and wall sheathing; **J P Hart Lumber** – framing material and floor system material; **Louisiana Pacific** – Smartside exterior trim and siding; **STACC** (Scholl Truss and Component Company) – design and fabrication of the modular building components. **Gulf & Basco** – windows; **GlassCraft** – front door; **Airtron of Houston** – A/C unit; **Neezo Renders** – architectural renderings; **Melissa Snow Designs** – interior design services; **Cambridge Estate Homes LP** – hardware set and fasteners; **BMC West** – front door columns; **Northwest Tile and Metal Roofing** – metal roofing material; **Meerkat Roof Tile & Sheet Metal, LLC** – Metal roof installation; **Sherwin Williams** – Paint material and labor – **T.B.D.** – Electrical rough; **CBS Outdoor** – billboard sponsor; **D&R Signs** – signage and Environments for Living – ticket & video sponsor..

Vendors also generously donated almost two dozen interior items including stuffed animals, a John Deere 12 V riding tractor, a flat screen TV, a Wii game system and DVD player. They include: **Houston Post Tension, Benedettini Cabinetry, On-Target Marketing, Houston Post Tension, Melissa Snow Designs, Custom Stone Supply, Weyerhaeuser, and Diversified Thermal,**

“It is an pleasure to work with GHBA’s Custom Builders Council, the Houston Astros organization and the dozens of GHBA members who have come together to make Project Playhouse a reality,” said Stuart Feldman. “Project Playhouse is a unique, amazing way to raise money for HomeAid’s mission. This team’s involvement reflects the incredible generosity of companies and individuals of all sizes. Even in this tough economic climate, Houston doesn’t hesitate to open its heart to those less fortunate.”

GHBA’s HomeAid Houston has been building transitional housing for the homeless in the Houston area since 2003. Since then, over 336 beds have been added to help those who are less fortunate.

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