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## Partnerships with Purpose

### Brookfield Homes Making A Difference

With the rising costs of affordable housing, and its 'trickle-down effect on the growing numbers of homeless families living in their cars or on Orange County streets, Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Shelter (FIES) along with other homeless care providers, face a daunting task.

In an effort to help supply housing for those who can't provide their own, FIES and HomeAid Orange County have joined forces with Brookfield Homes — that under the direction of Vice President Brian Geis — is serving as the Builder Captain for New Vista, the latest edition to the Fullerton Interfaith campus serving homeless families. Established in 1975, FIES is a cooperative

community of North Orange County congregations that rely on a variety of resources to support its efforts to house the homeless.

With the recent wall raising ceremony behind them — Brookfield Homes along with building industry New Vista contributors and the predevelopment team of Lind & Associates Architecture; iba Design; Lim Chang Rohling Associates, Inc.; and ima + design — are working in partnership toward the completion of this 1,900 square-foot home. Comprised of four bedrooms, a large kitchen, a great room, four-car enclosed garage, and an enclosed porch, the New Vista Shelter is scheduled for dedication in the summer of 2005.



Brookfield president, Adrian Foley; FEIS board president, Barbara Jenkins; FEIS executive director, Barbara Johnson; and Brookfield vice president, Brian Geis at New Vista Wall Raising Ceremony



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# President's Message

HomeAid Orange County was recently honored to receive the Building Industry Association's 2004 Tribute to Excellence Award. The recognition was presented at a dinner ceremony where more than 500 industry guests had the opportunity to celebrate with many of the amazing people who give of their time and talent so that others might change their lives.

To be in the company of such past honorees as John Lusk, General William Lyon, Roland Osgood, James Warmington, Ronald Foell, Roy Humphreys, the Akins Family, Peter Ochs, Keith Johnson, The Irvine Company, Dick Hunsaker, Larry Webb and Bill Watt is indeed a *Tribute to Excellence*, a mark of distinction for which HomeAid is truly appreciative.

The timing was perfect as it coincided with HomeAid Orange County's 15th anniversary celebrating the successful completion of 35 shelter developments throughout Orange County. These accomplishments are the direct result of the partnerships of over 1,500 companies, nearly \$30 million of in-kind donations, and the work of over 25,000 volunteers supporting HomeAid through its shelter development and fund-raising programs.

As one of the evening highlights, care providers and their representatives came forward in a colorful balloon procession symbolizing the variety of clients served through HomeAid's effort to provide shelter for the county's homeless.

Bart Hansen, founding HomeAid board member, served as the master of ceremonies and brought his unique zeal to the evening as he relayed stories and introduced participants from the early days of HomeAid. The event was highlighted by the appearance of distinguished guest David Kuo, past Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, who flew in from Washington D.C. to congratulate the organization on a job well done. David came to know HomeAid through Bart who hosted David with a tour and welcoming ceremony at the Village of Hope, HomeAid's largest shelter development to date.

Testimonial speakers included long-time HomeAid friends and supporters, Larry Webb, CEO with John Laing Homes/WL Homes; Les Thomas, president of Shea Homes LP; and Vivian Clekac, Human Options executive director. Their kind comments were echoed by many builders, associates and trades who had the opportunity to experience the grateful hearts of those whose programs and client successes would not be possible without HomeAid.

The memorable night reunited the past and laid groundwork for the future of an organization whose strength is derived from on-going building industry support and passion. For that commitment we are continually grateful.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Schlesinger  
President

# Shelter Updates



## Standard Pacific Homes Makes Changes at Families Forward

Under the leadership of customer care managers Rick McKenrick, and Paul Kosareff, the Standard Pacific Homes' customer service team took to the task of refurbishing a Families Forward Irvine condominium unit providing temporary shelter for homeless clients. The restoration consisted of drywall repair, cleaning and painting – all in preparation for the arrival of incoming residents who will live there as they work toward re-entering mainstream society.

Todd Palmaer, Standard Pacific Homes Orange County Division President, was instrumental in identifying Families Forward's existing condominium housing units as a community outreach project for the company's customer service department.

The Standard Pacific Homes charity recipient, Families Forward, is an Orange County-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing homeless families with shelter, education, counseling and support services; its Irvine Farm House shelter is the first project developed by HomeAid Orange County over 15 years ago.



## William Lyon Homes Joins Village of Hope Team

HomeAid Orange County's \$24 million shelter development venture, Village of Hope located on 5.1-acres on the Tustin Marine Corps Air Station, is kicking into high gear with the addition of its newest Builder Captain partner, William Lyon Homes. William Lyon Homes joins Oltmans Construction, John Laing Homes and Lennar Communities as one of the project team leaders and will be providing underwriting costs for tenant improvement in the medical center and education wing.

Designed by Gensler and Axxess Architects, The Village of Hope comprised of two barracks and new construction, is a 130,000 square-foot facility offering shelter for homeless Orange County families. The top floor renovation of the existing barracks will provide living quarters for homeless men, women and children in configurations of single and family spaces, while the lower floors will accommodate medical offices, dental offices and vocational training. "Building B", consisting of 40,000 square-feet, will house a kitchen; dining areas; a donation intake warehouse; and will provide support office space designed to serve as the nucleus for the site. "Building A" is an 8,000 square-foot chapel/auditorium.

Located on Red Hill near Barranca Street, The Village of Hope is to be operated by the Orange County Rescue Mission, and is slated for completion in 2005.



## Design Moves Forward At Hope Family Housing-Buena Park

Newport Beach-based, Bassenian/Lagoni Architects is completing the design development for Hope Family Housing - Buena Park, a one-acre property that will ultimately provide 16-18 units of long-term transitional housing for homeless families, many of whom will transition from low-income motels. When completed, the facility operations will be managed by the Orange County Rescue Mission whose success rate is ten times the national average, with 85% of their program graduates becoming self-sufficient productive members of society.

HomeAid is currently seeking a Builder Captain(s) for this \$2.3 million dollar enterprise expected to break ground early in 2005. Any interested builders may contact Scott Larson at HomeAid Orange County.



## San Miguel Residence Slated for Completion Early in 2005

Both buildings at San Miguel Residence continue to take shape. As of this writing, the drywall, provided by Gateway Contractors and plastering provided by RLS Plastering along with San Marino Plastering, is completed on the Greystone Spanish style 5-unit apartment building. The Lennar Craftsman style single-family home's site work, including front walkway and patio provided by MJW Associates, is in the final stages with the interior flooring slated as the next phase of construction.

The much awaited San Miguel Residence will provide a minimum of 16 beds to house a mix of homeless individuals and families, the majority of which will come from one of Mercy House's transitional programs including Joseph House for homeless men; Emmanuel House serving adults living with HIV/AIDS; and Regina House for homeless women and children. The two structures that comprise San Miguel are slated for dedication early in 2005.



Lennar Homes is serving as the Builder Captain for the San Miguel Residence "Craftsman Style" home. MJW Associates, shown here, provided the labor & materials for the walkway and patio.



Greystone Homes is building the 5-unit "Spanish Style" building. The drywall work was provided by Gateway Contractors and the plastering provided by both RLS Plastering and San Marino Plastering.



Respectfully yours,

*Shirley LeGrand*

Shirley LeGrand  
Graduate



## Graduate Testimony



When I moved into Emmanuel House I had dreams and goals, but they always seemed out of reach, so intangible. Something always seemed to happen. Maybe I just wasn't focused enough. Maybe I was not trying hard enough. Whatever the reason(s) I just couldn't seem to pull it together financially or emotionally.

Emmanuel House gave me the time, the support and the guidance to move ahead. During my time at the House I feel like I accomplished so much. I have a better relationship with my children and my entire family. I made huge steps in becoming debt free (I'm still working on the bankruptcy). I got out from under an outrageously expensive car payment, so that now I can afford things like rent! (By the way, I will be paying cash for a car in two weeks, and I am very grateful).

Oh, there is more. I got the chance to become involved in the HIV community, by going to school for the Positively Speaking Program. And I've learned the importance of budget (why I should have one and how to set one up), setting reasonable goals and the patience to achieve them (also patience for things, for fellow human beings and with myself). I know I am leaving things out, oh yeah, like the savings account I now have (my first ever), (smiles).

Emmanuel House has healed my broken wings; I am leaving with a new spirit and renewed strength, thank you. Furthermore, I am taking with me new friendships that I know will last a lifetime.

I graduated from Emmanuel House less than one year ago. Since then I received a substantial promotion at work (I have a wonderful career), I have my own apartment, a car. I no longer worry about how I am going to pay my bills. Today I have concerns like, when will I be able to afford to buy a condo and keeping myself healthy.

Thank you to all those involved with HomeAid, Mercy House and Emmanuel House for your hard work and generous hearts have made such an amazing difference in my life. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. I will be forever grateful.

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## The HomeAid Mission

HomeAid Orange County, the founding chapter of HomeAid America, was established by the leadership of the Orange County Chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern California in 1989. HomeAid Orange County is an affiliate of the National Association of HomeBuilders, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization with the mission of building or renovating shelters for the temporarily homeless.

HomeAid serves individuals and families who find themselves without shelter due to factors such as domestic violence, job loss, catastrophic illness and crisis pregnancy. To date, HomeAid has raised over \$20 million in in-kind contributions resulting in the addition of over 605 shelter beds benefiting thousands of men, women and children in Southern California.

# Project Playhouse 2004

HomeAid Orange County's Project Playhouse garnered in excess of \$414,000 slated for the organizations' shelter development program. For the second consecutive year, the Children and Families Commission of Orange County stepped up as Project Playhouse's presenting sponsor with State Street Corporation underwriting the popular Auction Party that attracted more than 800 guests.



*Bayou Boot Company*



*Casitas de Lyon*



*Endless Summer*

The Project Playhouse 2004 Opportunity Prize, **Bayou Boot Company**, was designed and built by KTG Y Group, Inc. with Tony Valentine Construction. Bayou Boot Company garnered the Imagination Award for most creative and unique and the Playful Award for most fun and user friendly. Landscaping donated by Rendered Solutions with faux painting provided by Interior Art.

**Casitas de Lyon**, built by William Lyon Homes with Lind & Associates Architecture garnered the Craftsman Award for best builder. Interior design provided by Creative Design Consultants, LLC with landscaping donated by Frank Radmacher & Associates.

**Endless Summer**, built by Mulvaney & Co., Inc. with architect Eric Trabert & Associates garnered the Grand Award and the California Award for best depiction of life in California. Interior design provided by Steve Jones, Linda Mulvaney, Wendy Pierce, and Jannon Korth with landscaping donated by Urban Arena Landscape Architecture & Planning.



*Mad Hatter's Tea Party*



*Pineapple Under the Sea*



*Pixie Blossom*

**The Mad Hatter's Tea Party Cottage**, built by Pardee Homes with Bassenian/Lagoni Architects, Dave Pockett and team garnered the Grand Award 2nd Place and the Designer Award for best interior design. Interior design provided by Color Design Art, Julie Schneidewind and team with landscaping donated by Garden Art and Lifescapes International, Inc., Mike Meyers and team.

**Pineapple Under the Sea**, built by Trimark Pacific Homes with Bassenian/Lagoni Architects garnered the Playful Award for most fun and user friendly. Interior design provided by Two's Company Interior with landscaping donated by Summers, Murphy & Partners, Inc.

**Pixie Blossom**, built by Lennar Homes with Kevin L. Crook Architects garnered the Rainbow Award for most colorful. Interior design provided by Chameleon Design with landscaping donated by Oak Leaf Landscape.

# Corporate Contributors & Donors



Royal Theater



Seaside Cottage



Soaring Over OC

**The Royal Theater**, built by Warmington Homes/Rancho Mission Viejo, LLC with Scheuer Architects garnered the Kermit Dorius Award for best architectural design. Interior design provided by Design Tech, Lana Canova with landscaping donated by Land Center.

**Seaside Cottage**, built by the Orange County Sheriff's Department, and designed by Bassenian Lagoni, who also provided the interior design, garnered the Grand Award 3rd place; the Criterion Award for most ingenious within guidelines; and the Spirit Award for outstanding example of community involvement. The landscaping for Seaside Cottage was donated by Urban Arena Landscape Architecture & Planning.

**Soaring Over OC**, built by John Laing Homes and team with JBZ Architecture & team garnered the Roger Seitz Award for best modern design. Interior design provided by Austin Johnson Interior with landscaping donated by Summers, + Murphy Partners, Inc.



Taj'd Small



TradePartners Mill



White House

**Taj'd Small**, built by Pardee Homes with Urban Arena Landscape Architecture & Planning garnered the Rainbow Award for most colorful. Interior design provided by Creative Design Consultants with landscaping donated by Urban Arena Landscape Architecture & Planning.

**TradePartners Mill**, built by Shea Homes with architect Ed Woerth and Wesseln Construction Company garnered the Project Playhouse Secret Garden Award for best landscaping and the Designer Award for best interior design. Interior design provided by Interior Lifestyles with Landcare Landscaping donating the landscape architecture.

**The White House**, built by K. Hovnanian Companies, Inc. with architect Knitter & Associates garnered the Craftsman Award for best builder and the Mirror Image Award for most realistic/authentic design. Interior design provided by Model Home Source with landscaping donated by Urban Arena Landscape Architecture & Planning.

## Other top Project Playhouse 2004 sponsors include:

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# Executive Director's Message

## Project Playhouse 2004 Proves to be an Astounding Success!

Twelve builders and their teams provided yet another village of outstanding playhouses in every imaginable size and shape from airplanes to pixie blossoms. With design and building teams totaling nearly 500 strong, the playhouse collaborations defined the same quality partnerships that HomeAid's shelter development has enjoyed for over 15 years.

At the core of this success are the trades and suppliers who continually give generously through this signature fundraiser – many of the same group — who also work year-round providing on-going support to the many projects that comprise HomeAid's shelter development program. These contributions are paramount to HomeAid's ability to serve the homeless in our communities.

This year, the Project Playhouse 2004 homebuilders were joined by the Orange County Sheriff's Department entering "the Seaside Cottage," a whimsical depiction of a California beach lifestyle designed and constructed by the Musik jail inmates under the direction of program leader, Bill Mitchell.

Inmates had never participated in any construction activities, but wanted to give back to the community by displaying the skills they learned in their occupational training. The results were amazing and in fact the team did such an exemplary job that the "Seaside Cottage" garnered the Grand Award - 3rd Place, and won the Spirit Award denoting outstanding community involvement!

The playhouse experience laid ground work with the Musik Vocational Training Program that has now expanded opportunities for the group to become part of HomeAid's shelter development activities; in particular they have agreed to join the Village of Hope team by providing cabinetry to the medical center of that project.

We welcome our new HomeAid partners and are extremely appreciative of the support and dedication of our committed playhouse builder teams, the Project Playhouse sponsors, underwriters, advertisers, our distinguished judges, and the outstanding Project Playhouse committee members who every year manage to raise the bar on this much-anticipated event.

On behalf of myself, the HomeAid Orange County board and staff, thank you to all who contributed to Project Playhouse 2004.

  
Scott Larson

Executive Director

## In The Community

### HomeAid Remembers... Don Sherrin 1936-2004

Don Sherrin will be remembered as a man of service.

In 1989, the same year HomeAid Orange County was born, Don and his wife, Theresa founded Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos. Their dream was to provide emergency shelter for expectant women having no place to live. Over the past fifteen years their vision has grown into an extraordinary facility that will continue to serve women and their newborns for many years to come.

HomeAid Orange County built three of the Precious Life Shelters with three different Builder Captains; Southwest Diversified, Warmington Homes and most recently, Centex Homes. All of the projects comprising the Precious Life Shelter campus were designed by JBZ Architecture + Planning led by Don Jacobs, long-time HomeAid supporter.

Don Sherrin believed that every child deserved a place. It is because of this belief and the partnerships that resulted from his commitment that Precious Life Shelter was born.



Don and Theresa Sherrin

### Sales & Marketing Council Gifts HomeAid Orange County

The phrase "you had to have been there," was never more appropriately used than when describing the recent Building Industry Association (BIA) Tribute to Excellence honoring HomeAid Orange County. One of the evening's highlights was a gift of a \$10,000 check from the Sales and Marketing Council of Southern California (SMC) presented by Diane Jensen with Forest Home, Inc. to HomeAid Orange County's board president, Michael Schlesinger.

Follow Sales and Marketing Council member, Wayne Whitesides of the Los Angeles Times joined in the presentation. The donated funds are slated to support the organization's shelter development program.



Michael Schlesinger, Diane Jensen and Wayne Whitesides



From the Vice President of  
**Fundraising**

## HomeAid Staff Out & About



BIS - 2004 Pardee Home's Playhouse, "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party Cottage", debuts at BIS 2004 with Joanie Smith and Julia Ling of HomeAid Orange County hosting the HomeAid booth. (top left)

PCBC - (from left) 2004 Gina Economakos and Delene Garbo from the Orange County Chapter of HomeAid join Terie Newfield from the Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter as they team up to man the HomeAid booth at PCBC held in San Francisco. (top right)

## John Kolendich Memorial Golf Tournament Benefits Homeaid!

The 2004 Valley Building Materials Golf Tournament, held for the fourth-consecutive year at Aliso Viejo Golf Club, benefited HomeAid and was renamed the John Kolendich Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of the company's co-owner who was the initiator and the driving force behind this event.

"In health John was a friend to so many; in sickness his fierce will and determination in fighting a two-year battle with cancer inspired us to become more like him," said Kolendich's widow, Kathleen who went on to say that this tournament represents her late husband's desire to change the lives of those less fortunate.

Tournament organizer, Chris Crowley architectural representative for Valley's Lake Forest and Yucaipa stores, said that many of the company's commercial and residential architects, contractors and designer clients participate year after year. The 2004 Golden Bear Tournament Sponsors included:

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HomeAid Orange County and those it serves are extremely grateful for the continued support provided by Valley Building Materials.



The late John Kolendich, Kathleen and children



## Considering Your Year-End Gift

As the holiday season approaches, many individuals and firms consider charitable giving as both a gesture echoing the spirit of the season, and as a means in which to positively impact the lives of others less fortunate. Committing funds allocated toward charitable giving is not only advantageous from a tax perspective, but also edifies our humanitarian sensibilities.

From a tax perspective, year-end contributions may be conveyed in many forms apart from cash donations. One example of a cash donation alternative is the contribution of appreciated securities gained through stock market growth. By making a gift of appreciated stock, capital gains tax may be avoided. Consult your accountant with regard to other potential donation alternatives offering tax deferral benefits.

As for the personal benefits derived from remitting a contribution to HomeAid, you will attain satisfaction in the assurance that your contribution, no matter the size, is appreciated and will undoubtedly result in life changing developments benefiting a transitionally homeless individual or family experiencing tragic, unimaginable life circumstances. Please know that every dollar donated represents the infusion of hope and opportunity for those individuals who appreciate your contribution and caring more than mere words can communicate.

Thank you to those of you who have given of your time, your contributions, and your hearts. Please be encouraged to continue to effect life transforming change.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Ferée Pate*

Michelle Pate  
VP of Fundraising

# Project Playhouse VIP Party

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Glen Black, Michael Schrock & Michael Maloney



Peggy & Mike Grubbs, Ellen & Les Thomas



Bill Harper and Kathy Taylor



The 2004 Project Playhouse VIP Party Committee, led by John Racunas (far left)



Brian Muehlbauer, Gina Economakos & Sam Robinson



Mike McGee, Tim McSunas & Hal Struck

# Project Playhouse AUCTION Party

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Glen & Shelley Black



Hal Struck, Ganette Eaton, Lee Rogalmer, & Rob Tikker



Sheriff Michael Canosa & Emmanuel House shelter graduate, Shirley LeGrand



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