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TAKES TEAM WORK

VILLAGE OF HOPE ON THE MOVE Construction is underway at Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope, HomeAid Orange County's shelter development venture serving homeless families throughout Orange County. Located on the Marine Corps Air Base in Tustin, Village of Hope will add 192 beds to the County's inventory. The 6.1-acre project is slated to become a national model of successful base re-use planning for the creation of homeless and impoverished family assistance programs.

After long delays brought about by complications in land disbursements, and the subsequent *red tape* that sometimes accompanies such projects, Village of Hope – much to the delight of all concerned – was ultimately given the official “go-ahead” for phase one restoration.

In partnership with HomeAid Orange County, Builder Captain, Oltmans Construction has made significant strides with the renovation of the lower floors of the two Marine barracks assigned to accommodate medical offices, dental offices and vocational training. The renovated top floors will provide living quarters in configurations of singles and family spaces.

Designed by Gensler and Axxess Architects, the Village of Hope campus will ultimately include 40,000 square-feet of new construction that will house a kitchen, dining areas, a donation intake warehouse, and an 8,000 square foot chapel/auditorium. Additionally provisions will be made for support office space that will serve as the nucleus for the site.

The interior design components of the living areas were created by Oma Talley, of Oma Talley Design, Inc. who generously donated the materials and her time to the project early on so that interested parties would have the opportunity to tour the facility.

The Village of Hope is part of the overall strategic plan of Orange County Rescue Mission's *Operation Hope*, an extensive outreach program designed to alter the lives of Orange County families in need.

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President's Message



Ric Hill, assistant to the president of the Village of Hope, and HomeAid Orange County board president, Les Thomas of Shea Homes Southern California Division, are joined by Dino Conforti, superintendent of the renovation for Village of Hope. The March schedule included soft demolition on the ground floors of the two Marine barracks at Tustin Base.

HomeAid Orange County is a hub of activity. The most recent of these activities, is the up-coming completion of Emmanuel House with approximately \$1.7 of in-kind donated by the Building Industry Association and their trade partners. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated so generously.

I'm also pleased to report that Precious Life is underway and that the Village of Hope is moving forward in spite of some outside challenges. Laura's House continues to move ahead with its capital campaign, and Orangewood is coming to the table to begin dialoguing about the next phase. The latest news...a new venture has come on board, The Mercy House Garfield Street Project which is being led by Builder Captain, Lennar/Greystone. Suffice it to say, a lot is going on at HomeAid Orange County!

It's important to note that even though HomeAid's current projects are making a significant difference, the need continues to grow due in large part to the mounting numbers of the working poor, fast emerging in Orange County.

You may be surprised to learn that 65% of the homeless we serve are employed, however as a result of escalating rents many are priced out of the housing markets and suddenly in desperate homeless situations. These are people who are able and willing to earn their livings, they simply cannot find an affordable place to live. Often, as a result they find themselves homeless with no where to turn.

With these rising statistics and the emerging roles at HomeAid, it is clearly an interesting time in our evolution. As we move forward in growing partnerships within our industry, with government, and with our respective communities, we continue to successfully expand our mission to build hope and homes for the homeless.

As we develop and change, one thing remains eminently clear...the vitality of HomeAid is the direct result of the driving force of caring companies; of individuals from within the building industry; and of our dedicated HomeAid staff. As always, we are grateful for all you do.

*Les Thomas
Shea Homes Southern California Division*

VILLAGE OF HOPE SITE PLAN



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HOMEAID ANNOUNCES THE

MERCY HOUSE GARFIELD STREET PROJECT

Shelter development venture number 38 has officially begun. Under the leadership of Builder Captain, Lennar/Greystone, the Mercy House Garfield Street Project is slated to start construction late in 2001.

Bloodgood Sharp Buster Architects and Planners have taken on the role as the project's architect and Chuck Trevisan will initially serve as HomeAid Orange County's board liaison.

The Garfield Street Project will provide supportive housing for homeless individuals and families and will consist of the renovation of five units and the new construction of a single-family residence. Located in Santa Ana, this latest HomeAid project will add a minimum of 20 beds to the existing Orange County inventory.



Message from the Executive Director

Partnerships are nothing new at HomeAid, in fact joint ventures are at the very core of who we are and what we do.

In that same vein, it is becoming clear that our government is revisiting its partnership roles as they relate to new faith-based and community initiative potentials.

From the contents of a recent White House-issued document, entitled "Rallying the Armies of Compassion," President Bush acknowledges... "that successful government social programs need to work in rewarding partnerships with community-service and faith-base organizations regardless of the origin of that faith." According to the President, these partnerships provide the fullest opportunity to address the needs of poor Americans across our nation.

As we move forward with the intricacies involved with the Village of Hope, and other projects, we anticipate that these philosophies will add an element of new found harmony and provide an even stronger foundation from which to build.



Scott Larson
Executive Director

As we share the common goal of assisting the homeless with shelter, we know that providing this basic need moves a person toward the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency. HomeAid has been a vital contributor to the less fortunate of Orange County, and that is highly commendable.

Recent publicity has raised public awareness to the tragic experience of children living in Orange County's poverty motels. In response, we have launched Operation Hope, a two-phase program designed to transform the lives of homeless men, women and children. The long-term solution is the Village of Hope at the Tustin Marine Corps Air Facility. This project has been adopted by HomeAid and includes conversion of two existing barracks, which will house 192 homeless individuals. This project is being slated for national replication and is unique in that it can house intact families. We are truly privileged to have the partnership in HomeAid for this critically needed facility. HomeAid is successfully improving the lives of homeless men, women and children in Orange County. The Orange County Rescue Mission is so thankful for the tremendous work that you do.



Jim Palmer
President, Orange County Rescue Mission

Role model

House of Hope Changed My Life

My parents divorced when I was 9 months old. They would shuttle me back and forth between Florida and California. I lived with my father who was an abusive alcoholic. I had two brothers who left home as soon as they could. At age twelve I started drinking and smoking. By age fifteen I was out of control - going to school drunk. At seventeen I move out to California to live with my mom. I quit school and took my GED.

Then a drug dealer at a party introduced me to speed. I just thought it would be fun - and it was. Plus, I wanted to impress everyone. I never thought I would get addicted. Next thing you know, I'm using needles. Speed was a daily thing. I would break into homes for money to buy the drugs. At the age of twenty-one I started going to bars to pick up men, manipulate them, and use their money. I was living in motels, with friends, and with guys.

My mom knew I was in trouble. I would show up when I needed to sleep a couple of days and get some food, then split for a week. I had my first child at the age of twenty-four. But that didn't change my behavior. Each weekend I'd have my mom baby-sit my daughter. I would come later to pick her up - Monday, then Tuesday. Finally my mom said, "Sign these papers to give her to me or we're going to have a battle." I knew I would lose in court, so I just signed the papers.

I had the same problem with my second daughter. One time, I was coming home four days late to pick her up, trying to think of a good lie to tell my mom, but I couldn't come up with one. I felt that it was God finally pointing out that I was the problem. This is the second child I'm doing this with. I'm not living with my mom. It can't still be her fault. I decided to get sober.

I had a lot of 12-step programs. They never worked for long. Once I got sober they wouldn't give me any idea on how to live my life. I knew I needed something different. When I came to the House of Hope everything changed. Learning about God made the difference. The lessons in the Bible gave me principles for life and taught me so much about myself.

My daughter was with me for the summer. She hasn't lived with me for three years, so it was great. I hope to be back with both of them someday. I'm going to raise my girls differently than I was raised. I'll put God in their lives, read the Bible, and be an example by going to church myself and by how I live my life.

I had not talked to my father for 3 years. He didn't even know about my second child. Since being at the House of Hope I've been trying to deal with my repressed emotions. I called him after Father's Day. He was shocked to hear from me and happy to hear that I was sober. I want to go into nursing. I'm studying medical transcribing right now. This program has given me a direction for my life. I am so grateful for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Loretta Dibble



Loretta Dibble and her two daughters get a second chance as a result of their association with the House of Hope. With a lot of hard work and guidance, Loretta is turning her life around and serving as an example for others to do the same.

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2001 PROJECT UPDATE

Laura's House Transitional Living Center *In Residential Development Evaluation Process*

ORANGEWOOD CHILDRENS HOME



The City of San Clemente Residential Development Evaluation Board recently reviewed residential projects for the purpose of assigning Development Allocations for the year 2001. The Development Evaluation Board presented to the City Council on April 4, 2001, at that time Laura's House was awarded the allocation.

Before applying for the Development Allocation, all five competing projects had to be successfully approved by both the San Clemente Planning Commission and the San Clemente City Council. In order for Laura's House to apply for this Development Allocation, an in-depth application was required. To meet that need, HomeAid Orange County prepared a 39-page report which was presented to RDEB for consideration on January 12, 2001.

Laura's House received a score of 10 in

seven of the seventeen categories of preset criteria. One of those categories, "Site Design" received top score as a result of the consummate design submitted by Bassenian/Lagoni, the architects who created Laura's House.

The Bassenian/Lagoni design, a 16,000 square-foot Spanish Colonial building was created to meet the critical need of abused women and their children, the homeless population served by Laura's House. The attractive structure complete with red tile roof will have six apartment units, a counseling center, legal services and a children's center.

Talega Associates, LLC is the Master Builder Captain for Laura's House, with Val Celestin and Ron Saienni serving as the HomeAid Orange County board liaisons.



Phase II of Oranewood Children's Home consists of a 3,092 square-foot multi-purpose commercial building designed collectively by Perlman and William Hezmalhalch Architects, Inc. The Builder Captain of this HomeAid Shelter Development Program is yet to be determined.

As a result of two previous renovations, Oranewood Children's Home is currently able to accommodate 236 children. Each year, approximately 40,000 calls are made to the child abuse registry hotline. Of those calls, 3,000 of the most severely abused, abandoned, neglected, children come to Oranewood Children's Home for protection from their caretakers. Oranewood is the only emergency shelter in Orange County that accepts severely abused, abandoned and neglected children ranging from day-old newborns to 18-year-old teens.

Plans are in process to re-activate the project in the near future. The first order of business is to find a Builder Captain. Builders interested in being considered for this leadership role should contact Scott Larson at HomeAid Orange County.



Gene Howard executive director of Oranewood Children's Foundation is being interviewed by Laurie Stoddard of HGTV and Cox 3 on location at Oranewood. The story was the result of a prior interview with General William Lyon, a staunch supporter of Oranewood and HomeAid Orange County.

PRECIOUS LIFE

Centex Homes, Builder Captain for Precious Life Shelter, has resumed construction on the 5,000 square foot facility, which will add 12 beds for Orange County's homeless pregnant women and their children.

The project, designed by JBZ Architecture + Planning consists of a two story building including a living unit for the house manager, a kitchen and a handicap accessible unit. Valued at \$300,000, the facility is HomeAid Orange County's third for Precious Life. Precious Life, like all of HomeAid's 32 completed shelter development ventures, would not be the quality project that it is without the unselfish donations of the building industry and community at large.



In partnership with HomeAid Orange County and JBZ Architecture + Planning, Centex Homes is taking the lead as the Builder Captain for Phase III. This new construction will provide shelter for homeless pregnant women and their children.



EMMANUEL HOUSE



Dana Eggerts



Brooke Schneider

Led by Dana Eggerts, president of Creative Design Consultants, Inc. and Brooke Schneider, CDC's project manager for Emmanuel House, CDC created a striking interior design for adults living with HIV/AIDS, the homeless population that will be residing in this 2-story craftsman-style home.

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EMMANUEL HOUSE INTO A HOME

Emmanuel House has truly been a labor of love, and nowhere is this more apparent than in the details of the extraordinary interiors that have become the heart and soul of Emmanuel House. This striking 16,000 square foot craftsman-style home, especially created to serve homeless men and women living with HIV/AIDS, exemplifies the notion that shelter and rescue facilities need not, and should not be, institutional in concept or appearance.

Located in Santa Ana, California's historic French Park district, the two-story facility designed by RNM Architects and Planners, and built by WL/John Laing Homes, resembles a large, single-family, two-story home. The interior design component of Santa Ana's Emmanuel House was crafted by national model home designer, Creative Design Consultants (CDC). The result of their efforts is an astonishing environment suitable for both physical and emotional healing.

According to CDC president, Dana Eggerts, the Emmanuel House interiors are anything but typical. "The clinical atmosphere generally found in similar environs gave way to an inviting ambience," said Eggerts. "The overall design - primarily in shades of green and bronze-was especially created to compliment the exterior dormer windows and welcoming front porch that are the focal points of the building."

Eggerts said that the intention of the design was to create a residence that provides both comfort and compatibility. "The rustic craftsman-like decor lends itself to a peaceful, warm environment. This calming atmosphere is a desirable benefit to Emmanuel House residents who have to manage physical and mental health issues on a daily basis," explains Eggerts. "Our staff pulled out all the stops with their team-spirited approach to creating a design that is a perfect fit for the need."

One staff member, Creative Design Consultant's project manager for Emmanuel House, Brooke Schneider was successful in acquiring donations from more than 60 contributors amounting to 70% of the total needed for the project's interior components.

The \$4.2 million Emmanuel House will serve as a model for future facilities, and is HomeAid's second for Mercy House Transitional Living Centers, the care provider that is managing the operations of the 24-bed shelter.

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Orange County Politicians Join Mercy House Walking Tour



Congresswoman, Loretta Sanchez, (center) and her assistant, Julie Pham are joined by supervisor, Charles Smith (far left) and Karen Roper; (back) from the Orange County office of Strategic and Intergovernmental Affairs, along with Paul Giles, Historic French Park Neighborhood Association president, (far right) and HomeAid Orange County's executive director, Scott Larson. The group met to tour four of Mercy House's Santa Ana shelters.

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SAVE THE DATE

Calling all shipwreck survivors...for the 7th Annual Burrow Escrow Gala to benefit HomeAid Orange County. Don't miss this "stranded on the beach" Shipwreck Party at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club, on Friday, August 17, 2001.

The evening will be filled with fun and excitement for all. Be sure to dress in what you were wearing when the ship went down!

For sponsorship and ticket information, please call Burrow Escrow at (714) 558-9212.

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS

Embrace Village of Hope



Gina Economakos (center), event manager for HomeAid Orange County takes on the role as coordinator for the Corporate Combined Volunteer Project. Pictured here with Jim Palmer and other corporate volunteers, Economakos sets forth a plan of action for volunteer days in May at the Village of Hope.

The group will take on assignments such as cleaning, prep work, hauling, repair, installation and painting. Most of this work will take place on the second and third floors that house the shelter's living quarters. The renovation when completed will ultimately provide an added 192 beds for the homeless families served by the Village of Hope.

Comprised of 30 Orange County companies, CCVP collectively provides a collaborative, structured, and meaningful volunteer experience for their employees. In addition to the labor provided, many of the CCVP companies will be donating cash and materials to the project. To get involved, please call Gina Economakos at HomeAid at (949) 553-9510.

Since 1985, the Corporate Combined Volunteer Project (CCVP) - a group of compassionate Orange County companies - have come together to take action in making a difference in their communities. As a collective effort these caring individuals put their respective hearts and backbones into an undertaking that will ultimately benefit the lives of Orange County residents.

Through the Volunteer Center of Greater Orange County, CCVP accepts requests from various non-profit community service organizations having projects that need to be renovated remodeled and/or refurbished. This year CCVP has selected Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope, as their project of choice.

HomeAid Orange County and Oltmans Construction will be providing on-site coordination on May 5 and May 19, 2001 when these dedicated volunteers will come to the table ready, willing, and able to provide manpower wherever

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

(Left to right) HomeAid Orange County's event manager, Gina Economakos and Scott Larson executive director of HomeAid receive a check for \$6,545 from Shayne Voorheis, Fashion Island's marketing director. The contribution is earmarked for the Precious Life Shelter venture.

HomeAid is grateful to Dave and Linda Mulvaney (far right) who generously built and designed Fashion Island's new Santa's House, the catalyst for the Fashion Island donation. As a result of the Mulvaney's efforts, Fashion Island will be donating a portion of the Santa photo proceeds over the life of the house. For the generous contributions from the Mulvaney's and Fashion Island, HomeAid is extremely grateful.



SMC Earmarks Funds for Emmanuel House

The Sales and Marketing Council recently presented a check for \$2,000 to HomeAid Orange County to be used for purchasing appliances for Emmanuel House. Pictured from left, are Delene Garbo, HomeAid Orange County public relations/communications manager, Scott Larson executive director of HomeAid Orange County, Lisa Pereira, community outreach for Sales and Marketing Council of Southern California, and Rob Sawyer president of the SMC/SC. Without partnerships like those with SMC, HomeAid would not be able to do what it does best...build hope and homes for the homeless. Thank you.



Project Playhouse

INSTALLATIONS

CALYPSO DREAMS:

Airborne Calypso Dreams, built by CWI Development and designed by Urban Arena Landscape Architecture & Planning is expertly craned by Bragg operators over the rooftops and into the backyard of a playhouse buyer in Carlsbad.



CRYSTAL COVE:

Bragg Crane Service's Trevor Durham guides "Crystal Cove" through the alley and into the backyard of the proud new owners. Designed by EBTA Architects and built by Taylor Woodrow Homes, this high-tech cottage is wired for state-of-the-art entertainment center, complete with a plasma screen TV and DVD surround-sound stereo.

PROJECT PLAYHOUSE *Hits 10th Anniversary Mark*

Amazing as it may seem 2001 is the 10th Anniversary year of Project Playhouse! Time to gear up for another successful event...call for entries have been sent, and by the time this article appears 12 of Orange, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties' builders will be on board.

Project Playhouse will be held again at Fashion Island in Newport Beach opening on September 15 with a kick-off Premiere Party. On August 23rd, just prior to the Premiere Party, the Opportunity Prize will be installed on Fashion Island's Atrium Courtyard lawn.

Beginning on June 1st tickets will be available at the HomeAid office for the chance to win this outstanding playhouse. The 7-week event will culminate on October 13th at the Auction Party, where these amazing kid-sized playhouses will be sold to the highest bidder. Last year's event brought \$360,000 to HomeAid.

Sponsor packages have been mailed to interested building industry and community leaders in an effort to meet our 2001 goal of \$374,500. This extended target means HomeAid needs added underwriting and sponsor dollars amounting to more than \$100,000 in order to meet its objectives.

In addition to giving to HomeAid's extremely worthy cause, there is a side benefit for participants of extensive media coverage, not the least of which is generated by the 3 million plus visitors who visit Fashion Island throughout the duration of the event. Prominent signage will list the builders, their subcontractors, suppliers and others involved in building the playhouse. Additionally, there is a chance to win awards, a special VIP party, and the gratitude of all those who have been helped by your generous efforts.

Interested sponsors/underwriters will be pleased to know that over \$800,000 of publicity was garnered last year, which translates into significant exposure to all who contribute.

Those who are interested in becoming sponsors and underwriters may contact, HomeAid's event manager, Gina Economakos at (949) 553-9510.



Among the Project Playhouse 2000 awards given out were the Playful Award, for most fun and user friendly, and the Secret Garden Merit Award for best landscape, both of which went to Taylor Woodrow Homes. Accepting on behalf of Taylor Woodrow are (left) John Ilkagla, EBTA Architects, and playhouse project manager, Ryan Ghore of Taylor Woodrow Homes.

Celebrity co-chairs All-Star pitcher Chuck Finley (far left, and his actress wife, Tawny Kitaen-Finley join Project Playhouse co-chairs Jennifer Henry of The Irvine Company, and Michael Levi Schrock of Urban Arena Architecture & Planning to assist in presenting the awards at the playhouse auction party.

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HomeAid Orange County, the founding chapter of HomeAid America, was established in 1989 by the Building Industry Association of Orange County (an affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders) as 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 \$14 million in in-kind contributions resulting in the addition of over 550 shelter beds benefiting thousands of men, women and children in Southern California.

JUNE 2, 2001 THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

HOMEAID'S 3RD ANNUAL RAINBOW OF HOPE BALL



Don Moe, senior vice president of The Irvine Company and his wife Kate share in the excitement of The Rainbow of Hope Ball where industry leaders are honored in six categories.



Michelle Pate of Keystone Pacific Property Management Company and Tim Paone of The Irvine Company are serving as the Rainbow of Hope Ball co-chairs for this 3rd annual black tie gala.

Mark your calendars. Dust off your favorite duds and get ready – the Rainbow of Hope Ball is on its way! On June 2, 2001, the Four Seasons Hotel will once again provide the backdrop for the 3rd annual Rainbow of Hope black tie gala. ■ Chairing the event this year are... HomeAid Orange County board member, Tim Paone, of The Irvine Company, and Michelle Pate, vice president of sales and marketing for Keystone Pacific Property Management Company, who along with their hard working committee, promise to provide an unforgettable evening. ■ In addition to an extraordinary time of fine dining, live entertainment, dancing and a silent auction of unbelievable treasures, the Rainbow of Hope Ball provides an opportunity to reflect on the good works of exceptional companies and individuals.

2001 HONOREES

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Outstanding Volunteer: **Bart Hansen, Nieupointe Enterprises**

We look forward to having you join us on June 2nd to celebrate the fine works of all who come together to help make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Let's have a ball!



Joe O. Oltmans II president of Oltmans Construction is joined by Orange County Rescue Mission, executive director Jim Palmer and his wife Michelle. Oltmans Construction is the Builder Captain for Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope project.



Sue Rudolph of Lennar Homes, auction committee chair, and Mark Hoover, First American Title Company, Inc. are actively involved in the Rainbow of Hope Ball.



Past HomeAid Orange County president, Steve Hester and his wife, Loretta make their bids at the Rainbow of Hope 2000 auction. The proceeds from the auction are the cornerstone of the fund-raising efforts for the annual black-tie gala.



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