



ThunderRidge Student Plans Benefit Fashion Show for Senior Project Fashion Show to be Fundraiser for HomeAid

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. - April 17, 2008 - For her senior project Chelsea Merrick, a senior at ThunderRidge High School, is holding a benefit fashion show and dance competition to benefit HomeAid Colorado. This evening will help raise money for HomeAid, a non-profit organization that raises money to build housing for the temporarily homeless. Fantasy Fashions is the theme of the fashion show, which is being held at Bear Canyon Elementary School April 17, 2008, and begins at 7 p.m.

“HomeAid Colorado is thrilled to benefit from Chelsea’s hard work and enthusiasm for the Fantasy Fashions and dance competition event. It is a natural tie-in with our annual fall fashion show fundraiser to ‘put homelessness out of style,’ which will be held September 19th at the Wildlife Experience this year. We’re looking forward to Chelsea’s event and meeting the winners of the competition, who will have an opportunity to model in our September fashion show.” said Sarah Wolfgram, development director for HomeAid Colorado.

Fantasy Fashions will show fashions from The Second Time Shop, owned by the Junior League. Students from ThunderRidge and other neighboring schools will model these fabulous clothes. After the fashion show, there will be a dance competition where the winner will receive a gift certificate for an indoor skydiving session.

All Seniors at ThunderRidge High School must complete a senior project in order to graduate. The project must be a learning stretch for the student by teaching them something new, and must be something they have never attempted before. Chelsea Merrick chose to do a benefit fashion show for HomeAid because she is concerned with the homeless issue in Colorado and felt that this was a perfect opportunity to help.

About HomeAid:

HomeAid Colorado identifies reputable care providers for the homeless and matches them with a participating local “builder captain.” The captain brings the in-kind resources of subcontractors, suppliers and consultants, and delivers quality housing for the temporarily homeless, which compromise approximately 90 percent of the homeless population. Since its inception in 2000, HomeAid Colorado has built 21 homes or shelters throughout Colorado. Nationally, HomeAid is the leading non-profit provider of housing for the homeless. For more information about HomeAid Colorado or the fashion show visit www.hacolo.org or call 303.691.0104.