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HomeAid Colorado and Third Way Center dedicate Lowry treatment facility

Collaboration provides dignified housing for troubled teens

DENVER, May 23, 2007 – HomeAid Colorado is proud to announce the completion and dedication of the first Third Way Center residential treatment facility at the Lowry Redevelopment Project in east Denver. The completed home, named Hope Place, a gift of the McCormick family, houses eight homeless teens with mental health disorders and behavioral issues. The construction of Hope Place was led by John Laing Homes, supported by a team of roughly 40 contractors and suppliers. Third Way Center’s Lowry Treatment Campus will ultimately consist of four ranch-style homes on 1.8 acres.

Third Way Center’s Lowry campus is the only treatment facility of its kind in the state of Colorado, and will serve as a model for youth treatment programs nationwide. Hope Place is a 24-hour staff secure facility, providing safe living conditions in a non-lockdown setting. Each of the four homes will have its own classroom, and a medical doctor is on staff and available to residents at all times. The residents at Hope Place are between 15 and 18 years old, giving these teens a chance to receive more intense treatment before they become legal adults and age out of the child welfare system.

HomeAid Colorado connects non-profit care providers with professional homebuilders to construct dignified housing for the transitionally homeless. HomeAid Colorado projects total 21 housing units for homeless families and troubled youth, adding 130 beds and donating more than \$2.1 million dollars in in-kind labor, materials and services from the homebuilding industry to help partner care providers serve the homeless.

HomeAid chose to work with Third Way Center because of its 35-year track record of helping high-risk, homeless, mentally ill and disadvantaged youth. “We are so grateful for the community support with this endeavor. Thanks to HomeAid, John Laing Homes, Colorado Health Foundation, the McCormick family and many other generous donors, we will finally be able to have a state-of-the-art assessment and diagnostic center for youth that would normally be hospitalized or homeless. This is a tremendous asset to the entire health community,” said Dr. Hildegard Messenbaugh, founder and medical director of Third Way Center.

“It has been a privilege for us to work with HomeAid and Third Way Center on this groundbreaking project,” said Rich Staky, Division President of John Laing Homes. “Not only does it

allow these teens to live in a real home where they're receiving the attention they deserve, but our employees rallied around Hope Place, making it a true labor of love for everyone involved."

According to the Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative Point-In-Time survey, more than 3,600 children and youth were homeless in August 2006, making up more than one-third of Colorado's homeless population. Focusing on youth with emotional problems or a history of abuse, the Lowry Treatment Campus will provide specialized care to this small but important subpopulation with no safe place to call home.

About HomeAid

HomeAid Colorado identifies reputable non-profit care providers for the homeless and matches them with a local "builder captain." The captain brings the in-kind resources of subcontractors, suppliers and consultants, and delivers quality housing for the temporarily homeless, who comprise approximately 90 percent of the homeless population. Since its inception in 2000, HomeAid Colorado has built 21 transitional homes and emergency shelters for homeless men, women and children across the state. Nationally, HomeAid is the leading non-profit provider of housing for the homeless. For more information about HomeAid Colorado visit hacolo.org or call 303-691-0104.

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