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HomeAid Colorado Builds Eco-friendly Shelter in Loveland

Homeless families will benefit from HomeAid's first Northern Colorado project

DENVER – Sept 25, 2007 – The lack of affordable housing is endemic throughout Colorado and the Loveland/Berthoud area is no exception. In an effort to help homeless families as they transition to permanent housing, HomeAid Colorado and Village Homes are building an eco-friendly duplex called Angel House in Loveland for Interfaith Hospitality Network, a national nonprofit organization that helps families achieve self-sufficiency.

Angel House, totaling over 2000 square feet, will be constructed under "Built Green Colorado" guidelines to minimize the building's environmental impact. Features such as insulated concrete walls, solar heated water and energy efficient appliances are just a few of the eco-friendly elements planned in the construction of this duplex.

"We are proud to break ground on our first project in Northern Colorado which will provide much-needed housing for homeless families in the Loveland/Berthoud area," says Laura Brayman, executive director of HomeAid Colorado. "Village Homes is a premier 'built green' homebuilder, and we are excited that they have stepped forward to act as our builder captain. However, we still need trade partners for areas such as plumbing, roofing, drywall and heating to help make this home a reality for Interfaith Hospitality Network families."

The groundbreaking celebration for Angel House will be held on Tuesday, September 25, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Angel Home's site, 1179 Raven Place in Loveland.

"This collaboration with HomeAid allows us to provide safe, clean housing for families who are trying hard to turn their lives around," adds AnnMarie Arbo, executive director of Loveland/Berthoud Interfaith Hospitality Network. "The security of

knowing they have transitional housing, along with a solid two year aftercare program, help ensure self-sufficiency for our graduates.”

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, who comprise approximately 90 percent of the homeless population. Since its inception in 2000, HomeAid Colorado has built 26 homes or shelters in Colorado for the homeless. Nationally, HomeAid is the leading non-profit provider of housing for the homeless. For more information about HomeAid Colorado or its annual fashion show fundraiser on October 12th, visit www.hacolo.org/fashion or call 303.691.0104.

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