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HomeAid breaks ground

Peter Simon, president of Beazer Homes in Colorado, was in town just before the July 4th holiday to participate with HomeAid Executive Director Laura Brayman and local Partners in Housing officials to kick off the company's donation of six transitional housing units.



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Emcee and Beazer's local vice president of operations, Brad Larson, opened the "Breakfast on the Slab" celebration, noting that the units are expected to provide up to 27 beds to homeless families with children.

The site is at northeast corner of South Union Boulevard and Whitman Road. The land was donated to Partners in Housing last July by the City of Colorado Springs.

HomeAid Colorado is a nonprofit organization that is sponsored by the Colorado Association of Homebuilders. The organization enlists builders, developers and trade partners to donate some or all of the talent, resources and materials required to build such shelters.

"Most of our builders are able to get up to 80 percent of the time and materials necessary donated by their suppliers," Brayman said. "Self-sufficiency is our goal, and we screened several nonprofits before we selected to partner with Partners in Housing on the Colorado Springs project."

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