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PARTNERS IN HOUSING, HOMEAID COLORADO AND BEAZER HOMES TO BRING HOPE AND HOUSING FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – Partners In Housing, HomeAid Colorado, Beazer Homes, HBA Cares and the Colorado Association of Home Builders invites local dignitaries, Colorado Springs residents and the media to a Groundbreaking Ceremony which will bring a new beginning for homeless families with children. The ceremony will be held on Friday, January 27, from 10-11am at 1808 Whitman Road (on the NE corner of S. Union Blvd. and Whitman Rd.) The effort includes six transitional housing units in 2, triplex structures. Mayor Lionel Rivera and City Councilman Scott Hente have been invited to speak.

HomeAid Colorado is a non-profit agency whose mission is “to build dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives.” “Partners In Housing is proud to be part of this exciting opportunity to help renew the hope of homeless families in the Colorado Springs area,” says Executive Director Dick Conn. “This transitional housing will give these families the opportunity to break the cycle of homelessness and become contributing members of their community.”

This is the second collaboration between HomeAid Colorado and Partners In Housing (PIH). The first resulted in the construction of four transitional housing units in Colorado Springs’ near west side in 2003. The townhomes will be the Beazer Homes "Cobblestone" model -- 2-story, 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths with 1500-1800 sq ft. of living space and complete with off-street parking and a beautiful, low maintenance landscaped area for Partner families and the neighborhood to enjoy.

PIH is fortunate to have the support of HomeAid Colorado, the City of Colorado Springs, HUD, the Colorado Division of Housing, El Pomar Foundation and the Gates Family Foundation, as well as a generous individual on the PIH Board of Directors. Equally significant is that Beazer Homes, a top-ranked national builder, has taken on the role of “Builder Captain” for this effort.

In July 2005, PIH took formal possession of the building site, which was donated by the City of Colorado Springs. The City approved the site plan, provided by Matrix Design Group, and the formal planning commission approval process was recently completed with the superb support of Godfrey-Press & Associates. PIH has also held several meetings with representatives of the local neighborhood association to keep them informed. The anticipated final project completion is late April or early May of this year.

Partners In Housing’s mission is to provide homeless families with children the hope and opportunity to achieve self-sufficiency through supportive services and transitional housing. The PIH self-sufficiency program assists families to attain permanent housing, further education, employment with adequate income and family stability. PIH accomplishes this critical mission by providing their Partner families with housing for up to two years, during which they are provided with case management, a wide variety of life skills training, monthly budget counseling, individual and family therapy and are strongly encouraged and supported in furthering their formal education to better prepare them for true, permanent self-sufficiency.

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