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HomeAid Colorado gives Colorado's female veterans a place to call home non-profit celebrates completion of 41st project

No one deserves to be homeless, but it seems especially unfair to see those who have served our country in the military without a permanent roof over their heads. Their reasons for being homeless are varied, but their need for a place to call home is the same. That is why HomeAid Colorado, a non-profit organization that builds quality homes for the temporarily homeless, worked with Wonderland Homes and Volunteers of America (VOA) to build them a new home, specifically designed to house and treat at-risk female veterans and their children.

The home in Denver's Mayfair neighborhood – just blocks from the VA Hospital – has 4 bedrooms and a finished basement and is the first of three VOA homes to be built and will house veterans who are in need of a home along with a support system to help them get back on their feet. A dedication ceremony for the new home took place recently and was attended by local governmental and community leaders. The next home in the complex will be

built by New Town Builders and will begin before the end of the year. The third and final home will be built by Berkeley Homes in 2012.

The home was completed with ongoing support from HomeAid Colorado, Wonderland Homes, and generous donors of Volunteers of America. Bank of America provided grant money to help with the construction and the Veterans Administration has provided logistical support to ensure the finished home would meet the needs of the vulnerable homeless veteran population. HomeAid Colorado identified the home's construction team and was involved with the project supervision and oversight. Sub-contractors, laborers and other vendors donated more than \$100,000 in in-kind products and services. HomeAid could not have completed this project without the support of all its donors and partners.

"We're excited to see this project come to fruition and see the hard work and collaboration pay off with a facility that helps Colorado's

heroes and their families," said Laura Brayman, HomeAid Colorado's executive director. "The VOA home serves as a model for veterans' housing programs nationwide, and we are proud to be a part of this project."

This home is HomeAid's 41st project, putting the non-profit's total bed count at 269. HomeAid Colorado, the official charity of the Colorado Association of Homebuilders, works directly with Colorado's builders and non-profit care providers to professionally build dignified housing for the state's transitionally homeless. Every HomeAid structure gives homeless men, women and children a stable place to rebuild their lives. And once people are able to move on to permanent housing, HomeAid homes continue to serve other homeless individuals and families year after year.

Please contact Laura Brayman at 303-691-0104 for more information on HomeAid Colorado, or visit HaColo.org.



Left is Steve Phua from Wonderland Homes, holding five-year-old Teah, who is Betty Ship's (standing far right) daughter (Teah and Betty moved into the house following the dedication). Laura Brayman (in green), executive director of HomeAid Colorado, Amy Mitchell (in blue) of Volunteers of America are in the middle.

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