



HomeAid Houston Project Update

Do you remember the last time you moved? Remember how even the small things like making a cup of coffee or brushing your teeth became an exercise in frustration? Having your things packed up and in an unfamiliar place is not only difficult, it's distracting and disorienting.

Now magnify that experience a hundred-fold and imagine what more than 10,000 of our fellow Houstonians experience every year. Imagine you have experienced a serious

result is a team experience in excellence.

Many of you are familiar with the Bonita House of Hope – a 199 bed facility that was completed in June of this year. During the building process, a decision was made to reorganize HomeAid Houston to be more streamlined and efficient. Brian Binash is serving his first year as president of the HomeAid Board of Directors. Bette Moser Wickline has been hired as the executive director and CEO. Bette's three years as chairman of the GHBA

participate. Help the building community become part of the homelessness solution!

For more information, please visit our website at www.HomeAidHouston.org or contact Bette Wickline at (713) 256-7120 or (281) 693-6172.

HomeAid Houston is part of HomeAid America, the nation's largest provider of shelter beds for the temporarily homeless.

trauma. Imagine you are a mother escaping a violent situation at home, a father of small children who has lost his job due to disability or illness, a young man recovering from drug or alcohol addiction. Then, to compound the situation, imagine you have nowhere to live.

It is for these people – the temporarily homeless – that the Greater Houston Builders Association is sponsoring HomeAid Houston. The vision of HomeAid Houston is to be a vital force in eliminating homelessness. The mission is to build dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives.

If you have ever seen these types of stories in the news or on the street and wished you could lend assistance, you now have an opportunity to help by doing what you do best – building shelter.

Home Aid Houston works to identify successful local agencies, which have longevity and need to build or repair transitional shelter for temporarily homeless people. The agencies are put through a rigorous screening process. Once the viability of the project has been determined, Builder Captains from local GHBA member builders and remodelers are recruited to help manage the project. The Builder Captains and their companies work with GHBA to recruit vendors who are willing to donate material and labor to the project. The end

Benefit Homes Project and her 14 years at JP Morgan Chase have positioned her to move the organization forward quickly.

Right now, HomeAid's greatest need is for operational funding. Before HomeAid Houston can begin screening potential agencies, work must be done in the areas of board development, training, marketing and website revision. Generous matching grants have been promised by The Manners-Cooles Foundation (Mike Manners, Elan Development LP) and the Weekley Family Foundation (David Weekley, David Weekley Homes). It is urgent we raise sufficient funds to meet those matching grants. This will give us the foundation upon which to build a successful chapter. President Brian Binash has stated "We have a goal of contacting every GHBA member personally, either by phone or letter, to tell them the HomeAid Houston story and ask for their financial support."

Once the board feels we are operationally proficient, we can begin interviewing and selecting agencies that need our help. At that point, we will need builders and/or remodelers to lend their construction management experience and be Builder Captains. We will need our vendors to donate their labor and materials to help complete the project.

HomeAid Houston can only be successful if you make a commitment to assist and

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