

## **CB RICHARD ELLIS PARTNERS WITH HOMEAID TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS IN HOUSTON**

September 28, 2010 – CB Richard Ellis joined HomeAid Houston, a Greater Houston Builders Association charity during its September 2010 “Get Out and Give Back BuildMonth” through CBRE Cares, the company’s national corporate philanthropy program. The two organizations worked together to help improve housing for Houston’s homeless.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 60 CBRE volunteers partnered with HomeAid Houston to assist the Santa Maria House of Hope in northeast Houston. The project primarily involved painting 7 apartments. Leslie King, HomeAid Houston board member and a member of GHBA’s Remodelor’s Council was on-hand to “lead the charge.”

The volunteers broke up into 6 teams and were assigned an apartment or dormitory to paint. The goal was to complete 7 apartments in one day. Sherwin-Williams provided the paint and the supplies at cost.

Nationally, more than 20 CBRE offices participated in rebuilding projects during this month of giving back which benefitted many local communities throughout the United States, in partnership with HomeAid America and Rebuilding Together, CBRE Shelter Program charitable partners, as well as Habitat for Humanity.

“This new program aims to build on company and individual contributions to our communities by more closely aligning our business with our giving endeavors. By partnering with HomeAid Houston, we are providing real estate solutions to assist those in need of a helping hand,” said Connie Wiegel, a senior office operations manager of CBRE.

“HomeAid Houston is delighted to have the help of volunteers from the Houston office of CB Richard Ellis through the CBRE Cares program to update the facilities at the Santa Maria House of Hope,” said Bette Moser, executive director. “Their assistance at this critical time will enable us to provide a clean and well maintained facility and enable the agency to better meet the needs of its clients.”

The mission of Santa Maria is to empower women to become alcohol and drug free and they are committed to providing services for community improvement and enrichment. It is the largest multi-site substance abuse treatment center serving women in the State of Texas. Over the past five years, Santa Maria has treated over 5,000 women.

For more information on other HomeAid Houston projects visit [www.homeaidhouston.org](http://www.homeaidhouston.org) or call the Greater Houston Builders Association at 281-970-8970.