

## GHBA Remodelors™ Council and HomeAid Houston Partner for Charity

September 28, 2010 – The Greater Houston Builders Association Remodelors Council has been a major partner with HomeAid Houston, a GHBA charity, on a variety of projects to benefit Houston's homeless. HomeAid Houston, a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization identifies long term, stable homeless care providers who need additional capacity and pairs them with GHBA builders, vendors and suppliers who donate their time, materials and labor to help build transitional homeless shelters.

HomeAid has developed a program called HomeAid Care where projects are tackled that are smaller in scope taking less time and requiring fewer funds. The GHBA Remodelor's Council has been a dedicated partner to HomeAid as these important projects come onboard.

In the winter of 2007 – 2008 the RMC stepped up when HomeAid Houston received a call from Child Advocates. Could they help a foster mother of five severely disabled children with some badly-needed home renovations? From this request grew a \$100,000 home renovation that included roll-in showers and ADA compliant bathrooms, a new master bedroom and bathroom, exterior and interior paint, back and front yard clean up. By working in partnership, the RMC with their many generous donors and suppliers and HomeAid, were able to lighten the load of a very special family. As a result of their efforts, RMC received a CADRE award (Council Award for Demonstrating Remodeling Excellence) for Community Service from the National Association of Home Builders.

In the spring of 2009, HomeAid Houston again worked with the GHBA's Remodelers Council to provide \$40,000 worth of renovations to SEARCH's House of Tiny Treasures, Houston's only nationally accredited early childhood development center dedicated to serving homeless children and families. The renovations were made to the two houses on the site with the help of the RMC, their suppliers and vendors and with cash donations. The RMC also won a CADRE for Community Service from the National Association of Home Builders for their work on the House of Tiny Treasures.

More recently, RMC took on the role as Remodeler Captains for HomeAid's Project Independence. This project involved renovating seven bathrooms and five bedrooms for Santa Maria, an agency providing housing and services for homeless female veterans. The RMC donated time, tools and materials for demolition of interior space within the existing apartments over the course of one weekend. The goal was to complete the renovation of the apartments within two weeks. All materials, labor and services for the actual renovation were also donated by members of RMC and other GHBA volunteers.

“HomeAid has developed a number of amazing partnerships since its inception seven years ago,” said Chris Denison, HomeAid Houston board president. “Our relationship with the GHBA's Remodelor's Council continues to grow as we grow. They share our same passion for helping to house Houston's homeless, a true testament to their generosity and commitment to the community. None of these projects could have been accomplished without their support.”

For more information on HomeAid Houston visit [www.homeaidhouston.org](http://www.homeaidhouston.org). For more information on the RMC visit [www.ghba.org](http://www.ghba.org).