

## HOMEAID HOUSTON TO LAUNCH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA PROJECT

HomeAid Houston and Builder Captain Camden Builders are preparing to break ground on a two acre parcel of land near I-45 and Tidwell that is owned by Volunteers of America (VOA). Camden and a team of vendors donating materials and services will construct a 22,000 sq. ft. residential facility for women and children. Mark Atkins, AIA, Masa Studio, will be the architect for the project.

The location is called the McGovern Campus and currently serves and supports women and their children who are overcoming addiction and homelessness. The new facility will increase the capacity of the campus from 90 to 150 beds, doubling capacity for families, and will provide child care, classrooms and clinician office space.

The VOA began in 1896, initially as an offshoot of the Salvation Army. VOA Texas, Inc. has been serving Houstonians for over 90 years.

Their mission is "Serving individuals in need, strengthening families and building communities." They help individuals, families and communities to overcome the barriers of poverty and circumstance and to reach their full potential. To this end, they provide a range of services including substance abuse treatment and housing for women and their children, parenting classes for families, prevention and youth development programs in the schools, programs for the developmentally disabled and affordable housing.

Builder Captain, Camden Builders, estimates the cost of the project to be \$2.5 million.

The groundbreaking is targeted for late 2010 with construction officially starting the second quarter of 2011.