

HOMEAID HOUSTON AND BROTHER'S STRONG CONTINUE RENOVATION OF GRACEWOOD FACILITY

Houston, TX – May 18, 2009 – With the demolition phase complete, Brother's Strong Inc, a pioneer in green remodeling in Houston, is moving forward with construction on a 3600 sq. ft. home for four mothers and their children who are facing homelessness. HomeAid Houston, a charitable arm of the Greater Houston Builders Association initiated the Project. HomeAid and Brother's Strong have teamed up for the project that will remodel an existing Gracewood structure that originally served as office space for the agency.

Gracewood, a charity associated with Children At Heart Ministries assists single mothers and their children who are at risk for homelessness. They provide a safe, loving environment and assist in personal development through counseling, job training and educational classes. Brothers Strong Inc. and HomeAid are working together to recruit GHBA members to donate material, labor and services. "Without the help of the generous GHBA members this project could never happen," said Chris Hawkins, president of the HomeAid Houston board. "Brother's Strong has taken this project to heart and are moving forward in full throttle to provide a positive environment for these deserving families."

VENDOR PARTICIPATION

Vendors donating to the Gracewood remodel include: BMC West, donating exterior doors and all bathroom cabinets; Gulf and Basco, all kitchen cabinets; Diversified Thermal, all attic and wall insulation; Southwest Sales, Delta faucets for the kitchen and bathroom and all shower valves and HomeTeam Pest Defense, termite prevention treatment.

Additional vendors include: Builders Post Tension; Z & C Plumbing; Weyerhaeuser; Sherwin Williams Paint; Pella Windows and Doors, Lone Star Air Systems; Lighting Inc., Kohler, Innovative Skylights, Houston Lifestyles, Home Watch Camera and Goodman Manufacturing.

The facility was recently demolished to the frame to provide new bedrooms and bathrooms for the families and a new resident care manager's apartment. An expansion of the existing kitchen is planned to accommodate two dishwashers, sinks, stoves and ovens as well as four refrigerators. The house will also be finished out with a new laundry room. As many materials as possible will be "green" ensuring the new structure will be extremely energy efficient.

"The Gracewood Project is an ideal way for us to give back to the community that has been so good to us," said Michael Strong of Brother's Strong. "We were thrilled to be able to incorporate our expertise in green building to make this facility an energy-efficient and healthy environment for mothers and their children. We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with a long list of generous vendors who are also donating their

time, materials, services and funds. We can't thank these vendors enough." Strong added.

GHBA's HomeAid Houston has been building transitional housing for the homeless in the Houston area since 2003. Since then, over 336 beds have been added to help those who are less fortunate.

For more information on HomeAid Houston or HomeAid projects go to www.homeaidhouston.org or call the Greater Houston Builders Association at 281-970-8970. For more information on green builder/remodeler Brother's Strong visit www.brothersstrong.com