

HOMEAID CHARITY PLAYHOUSE INCLUDES KID- HAPPY FEATURES

July 8, 2009 – The 2009 HomeAid Houston Playhouse is attracting a lot of attention with its farm-house, country style motif and whimsical décor that appeals to ages “kids to 100”. HomeAid Houston is the charitable arm of the Great Houston Builders Association (GHBA). HomeAid and the GHBA’s Custom Builder’s Council (CBC) have finalized construction of the 2009 playhouse that has been named *The Green Valley Playhouse*. It is being built for HomeAid’s annual Project Playhouse fund raiser. The Houston Astros are also on-board the team for the third year in a row with the donation of space to display the playhouse during July and August at Minute Maid Park.

The Green Valley Playhouse is a 10 x 10 foot “clapboard” style structure that includes a pitched metal roof complete with weather vane, split rail front porch, “white-washed” interior walls and floor, an operable, mahogany Dutch front door, operable vinyl windows and window boxes, and a wide variety of amenities such as A/C, electrical supply, a Wii, a DVD player and a flat screen TV. The architectural design was donated by **Creole Design, LLC**. The playhouse is also being built with green features that will, in many cases, be a kid’s introduction to this energy efficient process. The structure is also a modular design to ensure easier transportation.

Interior farm toys and amenities include: a stuffed cow, sheep, and rooster, a jumbo plush horse and duck, a large anaconda, a nature tube farm animal set, a John Deere 12 volt riding tractor with turf, a cowhide print rocker, farm animal wall art, a tractor art canvas, an On The Farm mural banner, a cow print on a frame for the TV screen, a farm animal toy box, a cow throw rug and a cabinet for storage.

The Green Valley Playhouse was built using donated materials, services and labor by GHBA members. The CBC’s role in Project Playhouse is being led by Joe Flynn with Cambridge Estate Homes, president of the Custom Builders Association, and David Gordon with, Whitestone Builders. Project chair Stuart Feldman with Gulf & Basco is leading the HomeAid Houston side of the partnership.

Green Valley Playhouse is currently being finalized in the Gulf & Basco warehouse located just south of Minute Maid Park. Visitors to Minute Maid will be able to check out playhouse where it will be displayed just a few yards inside the main entrance at Union Station from July 20 – August 23.

INTERIOR VENDORS

GHBA members who are donating the interior décor include: **Houston Post Tension, Benedettini Cabinetry, On-Target Marketing, Melissa Snow Designs, Custom Stone Supply, Weyerhaeuser, and Diversified Thermal,**

“The farmhouse theme is a throwback to a more simple time in our country’s history,” said Stuart Feldman, chairman of Project Playhouse. “The *Green Valley Playhouse* will

give the lucky recipient a feeling of pride as it becomes a fun addition to a backyard or outdoor site.”

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.

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