

MHI AND HOMEAID REACH MIDWAY MARK ON GRACEWOOD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

MHI has begun the drywall, exterior paint and brick stage of a 6,828 sq. ft., five-family residential facility for Gracewood, a residential ministry for single mothers and their children. MHI, the project's builder captain is donating the construction management of the 14-bed facility that will provide transitional housing for families who are at risk for homelessness due to a crisis situation. MHI is partnering with HomeAid Houston, a Greater Houston Builders Association charity and the local arm of HomeAid National. HomeAid is assisting MHI in recruiting GHBA member vendors to donate materials, labor and services to complete the new facility located in northwest Houston.

Integrity Concrete donated the labor for the foundation, Allied Concrete donated the foundation material and Suncoast Post Tension donated the rebar. Pro Build donated the form, frame and cornice material, Gulf & Basco is donating the windows, and West End Lumber and ABC Supply the roofing material.

In 2006 Gracewood received over 50 calls for every opening that became available. This partnership with MHI and the countless vendors who will be needed for donated materials and services is making the project possible.

"The 6800 sq. ft. facility is the second project we are working on with Gracewood," said Bette Moser, executive director of HomeAid Houston. "It is the first project on which HomeAid and MHI have teamed together. The whole process has been an amazing experience. MHI defines the word "professionalism" to a tee," Moser added. "The construction of such a large structure could encounter so many obstacles, but with the help of the MHI team and our extremely generous vendors, we don't anticipate many problems as we near completion."

"The Gracewood facility is a tremendous asset to the community and families in need," said James Miller, president of MHI. "HomeAid and our vendor partners are doing an excellent job helping to meet this challenge. We're proud to be a part of this opportunity."

HomeAid Houston works with the GHBA to recruit generous Association members to donate materials, labor and services for the construction of transitional housing for the homeless of Houston. The effort to provide a safe place for homeless men, women and children in the Houston area, is ongoing.

Since 2003, HomeAid Houston, with the help of area builders, vendors and individuals, has added 336 beds for those less fortunate.

“Children at Heart Ministries and Gracewood are excited about the HomeAid Houston/MHI project,” said Jerry T. Bradley, president and CEO of Children at Heart Ministries. “This building will provide shelter for many families and children for years to come. The generosity by MHI and their vendors is priceless to our organization.”

Gracewood is one of four Children At Heart Ministries that serve children and families in crisis. The original facility is located in south Houston.

For more information on HomeAid Houston, visit www.homeaidhouston.org or call the GHBA at 281-970-8970.