

Project Playhouse Winners Receive Key at Minute Maid Park

September 8, 2010 – HomeAid Houston’s Project Playhouse topped the roster at the Astros vs. the Cardinals game on August 31 at Minute Maid Park as the winners of the Playhouse, Dawna and Don Branum and their sons, Tyler, 13, and Ryan, 12, were invited on the field during pre-game activities for the ceremonial key presentation. Astros owner, Drayton McLane drew the Branum’s name from over 4,000 who were eager for a chance to win “The Vintage Astros Dugout”. The dugout was designed in honor of the team’s 45th year as a ball club. David Weekley, president of David Weekley Homes and Toy Wood, CEO of the Greater Houston Builders Association presented the key.

Project Playhouse is a major fundraising event for HomeAid Houston, a Greater Houston Builders Association (GHBA) charity. The playhouse was built by David Weekley Homes with donated materials, labor and services from GHBA members. The playhouse team was lead by David Weekley Homes staff members Mark Welch, Mike Funk, Cindy Miller, Brian Underwood, Matt Dubroc and Cecilia Jones.

"We were thrilled to be the winner of the 2010 Project Playhouse," said winner, Dawna Branum. "We love baseball, so the dugout design was perfect for us and the package of electronics is unbelievable. We had come to volunteer for HomeAid that night and it was an added bonus that our name was drawn by Drayton McLane. We are proud to be supporters of HomeAid and what their mission brings to the homeless of Houston. "

The 10 ft. X 10 ft. playhouse is loaded with numerous amenities and features including an authentic bench seat from the Astros dugout at Minute Maid Park, electronics donated by Best Buy including a wall mounted 32" HDTV, Nintendo Wii, Panasonic Blu-ray disc Player, Klipsch iGroove SXT audio system and a Wii sports pack. It also included an 8,000 BTU air conditioner with remote, a G.E. stainless steel mini refrigerator, electrical hookup, a sliding window, a Dutch door, front porch, a metal roof, and authentic metal sports lockers.

This is the fourth consecutive year that HomeAid Houston and the Astros have partnered for Project Playhouse. All proceeds from the fund raiser will benefit HomeAid’s mission to build dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives.

"The key presentation on the field was the perfect finale to a successful year for Project Playhouse," said Mark Welch, project chairman and member of the HomeAid Board. "David Weekley Homes and the dozens of sponsors, vendors and trades who participated in the project took pride in the creation of this unique playhouse and the knowledge that the funds raised will bring hope to Houston’s homeless."

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