

HOMEAID HOUSTON COORDINATES RENOVATION OF KRAUSE CHILDREN'S CENTER

March 31, 2009 -- HomeAid Houston is a charity established in 2003 by the Greater Houston Builders Association (GHBA). HomeAid Houston has teamed with Builder Captain Randy Bayer of Bayer Homes and Newland Communities to renovate the Krause Children's Center's lobby and provide post Hurricane Ike repairs. GHBA members are also assisting in the renovation and repairs by donating materials, services and labor.

Since December 24, 1995, The Krause Children's Center, an on-campus living and treatment facility, has been treating abused, neglected, and troubled boys and girls from all over Texas. Treatment includes individual therapy and group therapy with an on-staff psychiatrist and therapists, spiritual care, and a full academic curriculum provided by its own award winning Trinity Charter School.

Improvements to the Krause Center will include replacing all the tile floors in the lobby and surrounding areas, with tile and installation labor supplied by Dal Tile, Marazzi Tile and Stone, Floors, Inc. and Texas Tile Services; demolition and replacement of the reception area, with cabinets supplied by Gulf and Basco and countertops by Cosentino; repairing and repainting walls, with paint and volunteer labor supplied by Sherwin Williams; new furniture and rugs AND ELECTRICAL WORK DONATED BY MSF ELECTRIC. In addition, Pedco Roofing Inc. donated all hurricane Ike-related repairs to the Krause roof.

“HomeAid Houston's partnership with Bayer Homes and Newland Communities provides an amazing team effort,” said Bette Moser, executive director of HomeAid Houston. “The talent and professionalism brought to this project by both Randy Bayer and Newland Communities will be key components in the success of this renovation and in the much needed repairs. These children deserve a welcoming and comfortable place to rebuild their lives, and we are happy to be a part of something that will contribute to that important goal.”

Also taking a special interest in the Project are Lelani Sinclair of Lelani's Design, Mark Welch with David Weekley Homes and Beth Avalos with Floors, Inc.

Krause staff members work with up to 60 troubled youths from the ages of 11 to 17 years made up of 30 girls and 30 boys. The facility is designed with 4 dormitory type units. In a 12 month period, Krause Center will serve 100+ children. The children are brought to the Center through Child Protective Services and their stay depends on their level of care with the State and how they respond to treatment, but will typically require 6 months to a year.

In addition to Krause's residential treatment programs; the Center also provides foster care, foster to adopt, kinship care, and adoption services. The Center works closely with

the individual child as each moves toward reunification with their families, less restrictive foster care placements or adoption. Family therapy is offered before placement as well as post placement.

Bayer Homes is a member of the Greater Houston Builders Association where Randy Bayer served as the 2006 President of the Association and the Past-President of the Custom Builders Council. Randy is also a Texas Association of Builders (TAB) Life Director and a National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) Director. Bayer Homes was awarded the Custom Home of the Year trophy for \$500,000-\$750,000, and received the coveted Greater Houston Builders Association Custom Builder of the Year Award. Bayer Homes specializes in custom homes from West Houston to Friendswood, including the custom sections in Cinco Ranch.

Newland Communities is a privately owned company involved in creating residential and urban mixed-use communities, land development and project management, all across the United States.

With offices in 18 US cities, Newland's success has largely been based on their portfolio of communities with geographic diversity, and a wide range of homes and amenities for all different types of families living life in ways that matter most to them. Headquartered in San Diego, California, Newland Communities is currently developing communities across the country in 14 states.

HomeAid Houston identifies various homeless care providers throughout the area who need additional accommodations and connects them with GHBA members. The members donate their labor and materials to help build the needed housing.

The HomeAid Houston mission, "To build dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives" has generated an amazing response over the last six years. Generous GHBA members have donated their time, labor, materials and services to help create an additional 369 beds in the Houston homeless community.

For more information visit www.homeaidhouston.org or call the Greater Houston Builders Association at 281-970-8970.