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Northern Virginia

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*Michael Scheurer, HomeAid Northern Virginia Board Member, answers questions from Homeless Shelter representatives at the Open House.*

## HomeAid Offers Help to Area Homeless Shelters

Homeless Shelters and organizations that care for the homeless attended the first in a series of open houses at HomeAid Northern Virginia's Chantilly, Virginia offices. This open house series, held annually, provides information about HomeAid's programs; building, renovating and remodeling shelters, day care centers for homeless children, clinics that serve the homeless and housing for families recovering from homelessness.

Donations of labor and materials from Northern Virginia Building Industry Association builders and their trade partners provide construction services to area shelters. The money saved with this unique partnership allows those same shelters to provide classes and support services to the homeless, allowing them to get back into housing with life skills that will keep them from becoming homeless again.

"The recent 'open house' hosted by HomeAid Northern Virginia reaffirms the importance of linking the expertise and 'can do' philosophy of the homebuilding industry to the varied needs of homeless individuals and families in Northern Virginia," said Michael Scheurer, Community Housing Officer, Northern Virginia Outreach, Virginia Housing Development Authority. "HomeAid Northern Virginia is committed to assisting our non-profit partners wherever possible to bring housing solutions to this ever present problem."

"The fact that we have appointed Maggie Johnston as the full time Director, held a Board strategic planning session and conducted the first of many open houses all reaffirm our mission and commitment to reaching out to the many organizations assisting Northern Virginia's homeless that need our member's services," said Barry Schwartz, the new President of HomeAid Northern Virginia. "We want to be recognized as a funding source for the construction and rehabilitation of homeless shelters in Northern Virginia."

In addition to Barry Schwartz, Michael Scheurer and Maggie Johnston, the Executive Vice President of the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, Jim Williams, also a HomeAid Board Member, met with the many Homeless Shelter representatives.

### HOMEAID NORTHERN VIRGINIA - NOW A MEMBER OF THE UNITED WAY



HomeAid Northern Virginia is now a member the United Way. This gives anyone – NVBIA members, spouses and friends -- the ability to have money deducted from their payroll by designating HomeAid Northern Virginia as their charity of choice. HomeAid Northern Virginia's number is 8580.

HomeAid's mission is to build dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives.

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# Beazer Homes Makes a Difference at Ives House

What began as a request for a handicapped accessible shower for homeless women at Ives House in Falls Church wound up as a total rebuild of the bathroom including flooring, walls and joists as part of a HomeAid Northern Virginia Shelter Care Project in Falls Church, VA coordinated by Builder Captain Beazer Homes Virginia.

Other work on the project included replacing and repairing front porch flooring, repairing a leak in the roof and skylight, correcting grading problems around the exterior, repairing holes in the soffit, repainting and touching up exterior porch rails and pointing up the mortar around the brick exterior of the house.

"What we had originally scheduled to take seven days ended up taking the better part of four weeks," said Gary Szebalskie, Vice President Customer Care, Beazer Homes Virginia. "The best part about it was the attitude of all the trade partners helping out. Each time the situation became a little more difficult everyone came together to try to figure out the problem."

"Beazer and their trade partners and ambassadors on this project donated more than \$10,000 worth of time, material and services and we would like to give our partners a huge thanks," said David Cogley of Beazer Homes who is Vice President and President-Elect of the HomeAid Northern Virginia Board of Directors.

Trade partners in the project included Century Tile, Lemus Painting and Contracting, Eastern Applicators, Atlas Plumbing, Masonry Masters, General Electric, Summit Roofing, Ideal Construction Services, Flooring by Saunders, Jeff Fox, David Bunn, Greg Schnetzler, Charlie Curtis and Paul Bartlett.

Ives House is a joint venture between the Falls Church Housing Corporation and Homestretch. Ives House provides residence and services to help six to eight homeless single women at a time achieve self-sufficiency, financial stability and permanent, affordable housing within 18 months.

These women can stay up to two years and support services include domestic violence counseling, credit and budget counseling, skills training and job search assistance, substance abuse counseling and monitoring and such services as daily English as a Second Language instruction, legal counseling, tax preparation assistance, mentoring and ongoing community service links at the Homestretch office.



*Employees of NVHomes and their suppliers place the roof trusses on the Arlington homeless shelter Doorways for Women and Children. With the new facility, Doorways will be able to provide continuum of care for up to 21 women and families. The new facility, known as the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Shelter, will be finished this summer.*

# K HOVNIANIAN PERFORMS MIRACLES IN ALEXANDRIA

Fix the floors and replace the carpet and vinyl, replace the roof, fix the plumbing, including a new bath tub, and renovate the kitchen with new appliances donated by GE and new kitchen cabinets are just some of the many improvements initiated by K Hovnianian Homes of Virginia, Inc. and a number of their subcontractors to a 30-year-old townhouse in Alexandria, VA that is home to a grandmother, her daughter and her daughter's five children.

K Hovnianian Homes is the Builder Captain of this HomeAid Northern Virginia project and the townhouse is owned by New Hope Housing, Inc. Tim Bates, President, Virginia Division North of K Hovnianian, is a member of the HomeAid Northern Virginia Board of Directors. New Hope Housing, headquartered in Alexandria, has provided a comprehensive array of services to homeless families and single adults since 1978.

Joseph Murray, Vice President, Construction for K Hovnianian Homes and HomeAid Captain for this project, said, "This is why we're in this business. This is the reward. The whole week was incredible. Everyone gave way more than they were asked to give."

Murray said that the roof and kitchen cabinets were not in their original renovation plans but the roof had rotted and the cabinets were in dire need of replacement. He said other activities included replacing the toilet in the powder room, replacing faucets throughout the home, replacing

the ceiling tiles in the basement, replacing the shutters and gutters and painting the interior of the house.

"Neither bad weather nor snow could keep our subcontractors from coming to our first meeting at the townhouse," said Jeff Calloway, Senior Production Planner for K Hovnianian Homes. "That shows that this group is dedicated to this project and raring to get started."

"This is wonderful," said Janet Johnson, the grandmother and resident of the townhouse. "This work was needed and it comes at just the right time."

And, Susan Keenan, Director of Residential Services for New Hope Housing, said she is "thrilled and amazed at how quickly this is happening. Ms. Johnson was starting to tear up when we told her about how much was going to be done. We are incredibly appreciative of everyone's efforts and generosity."

Murray and Calloway coordinated the project with Jason Stone, Assistant Community Construction Manager for K Hovnianian Homes, and a variety of their subcontractors.

Subcontractors included Capital Mechanical, T.A.C. Granite, CC Carpentry, Builders FirstSource, Southern Electrical Service Co., Majestic Building Products, Rothstein Drywall & Painting, LLC, McCrea Equipment Company, KT Enterprises, CTI Floors, and Strober Materials.



*Neither cold nor snow could keep Builder Captain K Hovnianian Homes and its subcontractors from coming to the first meeting to rehabilitate the Alexandria townhouse that is home to a grandmother, her daughter and her daughter's five children. The townhome is owned by New Hope Housing, Inc.*

# WINCHESTER HOMES AND THE WEYERHAUSER FOUNDATION'S GENEROSITY CONTINUES

Winchester Homes, Inc., through the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, has donated a \$5,000 grant to HomeAid Northern Virginia.

Larry Burrows, President of Winchester Homes, Inc., is a new member of the HomeAid Northern Virginia Board of Directors. "I am honored to be a part of NVBIA, HomeAid Northern Virginia," said Burrows. "It is an extremely worthwhile organization doing important work in our community."

Winchester Homes recently committed their talent to ACTS in Prince William County. Winchester Homes will become the Builder Captain for the newest HomeAid Northern Virginia project, the construction of a 7,000 Family Center in Dumfries. This is a two-phase project involving both new construction and renovation. The first phase is the construction of a new operations center offering programs and classes for the homeless and those who are on the brink of becoming homeless. The second phase renovates an existing homeless shelter, creating more bed space to shelter homeless families in Prince William County.

"At best, most non-profit agencies operate very close to the margins and often in facilities that are old or aging," said C. John Turnquist, Executive Director of ACTS. "These agencies are caught between the rising costs of repairing and

maintaining these facilities and the ever increasing costs of building new facilities.

"Because of HomeAid and its member companies, non-profit agencies have a marvelous option available to them to rid themselves of declining facilities and to be able to afford new ones, which materially enhances their ability to deliver services of consequence to neighbors in need and in crisis. And, no one is more grateful to HomeAid than are those neighbors."

## HOMEAID EARNS 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

HomeAid, the leading national non-profit provider of housing for today's homeless, has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities. HomeAid Northern Virginia is one of 20 national chapters of HomeAid.

Receiving four out of a possible four stars from Charity Navigator indicates that an organization excels, as compared to other charities in America, in successfully managing the finances of its operations in an efficient and effective manner.

Charity Navigator rates charities by evaluating two areas of financial health: organizational efficiency and organizational capacity. The organization uses a set of financial ratios and performance categories to rate each of these areas, and then issues an overall rating that combines a charity's performance in both areas. Charity Navigator's ratings show how efficiently it believes a charity will use their support today and the extent to which the charities are growing their programs and services over time.

## SAVE THE DATE:

**November 17:** The Magic of HomeAid, HomeAid Auction.

**HomeAid Northern Virginia coordinates both large and small projects. The Shelter Care Program allows builders to contribute smaller remodeling jobs, painting, outdoor yard work and repairs to Northern Virginia shelters. Please donate -- to make a donation or for more information, contact Maggie Johnston, Director, HomeAid Northern Virginia [mjohnston@nvbia.com](mailto:mjohnston@nvbia.com), (517) 283-6320**



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