

North Bend Homebuilder Leads Community Service Project John Day Homes is HomeAid Builder Captain

North Bend, WA – Local homebuilder John Day Homes and its partner, the Master Builders Care Foundation, announced a significant donation to Compassion House in Issaquah.

Compassion House recently relocated the 100-year-old Monti House in Issaquah to serve local homeless families. However, the non-profit lacked financial resources to build a new foundation and bring utilities to the relocated house.

John Day Homes and its trade partners, through the Care Foundation's HomeAid program, will donate 100 percent of the labor and materials to complete the Compassion House project.

“This is an extremely unique project,” said John Day, president, John Day Homes. “We're literally building the foundation for local families to get a second chance.”

Compassion House received two simultaneous donations. The City of Issaquah donated a 100-year-old house to Compassion House, but Compassion House had to move it to a newly-donated parcel of land. The house was moved from its original site to a new location in downtown Issaquah.

John Day Homes will build a foundation and bring utilities to the house which will then be remodeled by volunteers before a family moves in.

HomeAid is the homebuilding industry's program that marshals assets of the industry to construct facilities in partnership with nonprofit agencies that serve homeless. Through its relationship with the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties, HomeAid solicits donations of labor and materials from local builders such as John Day Homes.

Compassion House is an all-volunteer nonprofit established in 1998 to provide transitional housing and other aid to families in need. According to Tom Bilbro, Compassion House Chair, “We carefully screen our clients. Most are single moms with children. Then we establish a Personal Improvement Plan that carefully lays out the expectations for each client. The plan may cover life skills training, financial counseling, informal legal advocacy, addiction referral, transportation assistance, spiritual support, and of course housing. We're just thrilled to be working with John Day Homes.”

Compassion House expects to add a second living unit to this house then build a duplex on an adjoining lot in the future.

Plans are to complete the foundation in May. It will be remodeled, dedicated and ready for occupancy by July.

About Master Builders Care Foundation

The mission of the Master Builders Care Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the communities where we live, work and build. Master Builders Care Foundation provides building resources and expertise to service organizations dedicated to housing individuals and families in need.

The foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization active in King and Snohomish counties since 1998. It is a philanthropic arm of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties.

The foundation is also the local chapter for HomeAid America. HomeAid chapters work through local building industry associations that help supply the resources to build the shelters. These shelters are then donated to community agencies that deliver life-changing programs and are committed to providing shelter for the temporarily homeless in their communities through the partnership.

About Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties

Founded in 1909, the Master Builders Association is a local trade association comprised of 4,000 companies involved in the residential construction industry. It is the nation's second largest local home building association affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders. Its philanthropic arm is the 501(c)(3) Master Builders Care Foundation, a program of which includes the HomeAid Master Builders Care Chapter.