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HOME BUILDERS AND TRADES COME TOGETHER TO EXPAND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

ROSEVILLE - HomeAid Sacramento and The New Home Company (NWHM) today participated in the dedication of the Wallace and Vannuci Shelter expansion at Empower Yolo, the first domestic violence shelter in Yolo County, founded in 1977. With the expansion, the shelter, which has served more than 2,000 women and children since its inception, will increase its bed capacity from 27 to 35 beds.

"We're pleased to be able to apply the expertise of the home building industry to help the women and children served by Empower Yolo rebuild their lives," said Beth Kang, Executive Director of HomeAid Sacramento. "Along with the donations of labor and materials from our home building partner, The New Home Company and their trade partners, we also received a grant from the Lennar Charitable Housing Foundation that helped offset the costs for the work on this project."

"For our company, its not simply about building a community and then moving on to the next one," said Kevin Carson, Northern California President of NWHM. "It is always our goal to help the communities we build thrive and achieving that involves supporting the work of organizations like Empower Yolo. This expansion will go a long way toward helping shelter clients get back on their feet, and we look forward to working with HomeAid and Empower Yolo in the future."

HomeAid worked with NWHM and 22 of its trade partners to complete the shelter expansion. The shelter expansion also comes at a critical time for Empower Yolo, which in 2015 alone, sheltered 147 women and 188 children escaping domestic violence, for a total of 13,239 bed nights of shelter provided. Additionally, the organization has also provided 71 educational presentations to 1,086 people on the topics of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

"The entire Empower Yolo family is grateful for the opportunity to work with HomeAid and NWHM to increase the space we have in our shelter for more victims of domestic violence," said Lynnette Irlmeier, Executive Director of Empower Yolo. "This collaboration resulted in a substantial savings to our organization, paving the way for us to dedicate more resources to providing support for the women and children that come to us for help."

About Empower Yolo

Empower Yolo is Yolo County's primary victim service provider and violence prevention leader. Established in 1977, Empower Yolo is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to the intervention, prevention, and elimination of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking and child abuse in Yolo County. To find out more about Empower Yolo, please click [here](#).

About HomeAid Sacramento

HomeAid Sacramento is a non-profit philanthropic organization formed in 1996 by the North State Building Industry Association as the home building industry's charity of choice. Our mission is to serve the temporarily homeless by expanding a care provider's facility through remodeling or new construction. HomeAid Sacramento

builds shelters for a diverse homeless population, from babies to families to veterans. Learn more by visiting our [website](#).

About The New Home Company

NEW HOME is a publicly traded company listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "NWHM." It is a new generation homebuilder focused on the design, construction and sale of innovative and consumer-driven homes in major metropolitan areas within select growth markets in California and Arizona, including coastal Southern California, the San Francisco Bay area, metro Sacramento and Phoenix. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, NEW HOME was the recipient of "The Eliant" for Best Overall Customer Experience in the Eliant Homebuyers' Choice Award's multi-divisional builder segment. For more information about the company or its current new-home offerings, visit at www.NWHM.com.

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