



## ALAMEDA FAMILY SERVICES



HomeAid Northern California and Alameda Family Services would like to thank you in advance for your serious consideration, and ask that you help us as much as you can in this worthy endeavor. HomeAid Northern California, the charitable arm of the Building Industry Association of the Bay Area, is spearheading the construction of the “new” DreamCatcher with the support of Balfour Beatty Construction and XL Construction.

Since 2000, DreamCatcher has been the only safe landing for homeless and disconnected at risk youth in Alameda County who are between the ages of 13 and 18. DreamCatcher is one of the few resources available to the estimated 300 youth who are homeless or couch surfing on any given night in Alameda County. Three out of four leave their homes because of abuse or neglect. Over 90% who have been through DreamCatcher have moved directly into stable housing, further education or employment.

The new DreamCatcher site, located in downtown Oakland, requires approximately \$1,400,000 in renovations to bring it up to building code standards to maintain the existing 8 shelter beds and to add 6 new beds for commercially sexually exploited minor females. The goal is to begin construction later this summer, with materials and labor being donated by caring and compassionate leaders like you.

A program of Alameda Family Services, DreamCatcher has been a safety net for youth who do not have the family, support system or necessary life skills, tools and resources to live on their own. On the street, young people are disproportionately victimized physically and sexually. According to the National Institute for Missing, Abducted, Runaway and Thrown Away Children, one out of every three teens on the street will be lured toward the sex industry within 48 hours of leaving home.

Balfour Beatty and XL Construction are committed to HomeAid and to DreamCatcher. Richard Walker of XL Construction also shows his support by serving on the HomeAid Northern California Board of Directors and Executive Committee. We are counting on your help and ask that you support this project with donated materials and/or labor, which will enable DreamCatcher to concentrate their limited resources on helping the youth. Plans and bid packages are available and we can provide more detailed information.

Your involvement in the DreamCatcher project is truly appreciated and your company will be recognized for your contributions. Thank you in advance for your support.

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