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HomeAid San Diego's Sixth Annual "Taste of North County" Set for May 15th 2008

North County's finest restaurants to feature an array of cuisine and wines

San Diego, CA – A "Taste of North County," a special evening celebrating HomeAid San Diego's six-year anniversary and featuring outstanding cuisine and wines from North County restaurants, will take place on Thursday, May 15th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Pardee Homes' Derby Hill models in Carmel Country Highlands. Proceeds from "Taste of North County" will support HomeAid San Diego's efforts to provide homes for temporarily homeless individuals and families in San Diego County by building and renovating multi-unit housing where they live while rebuilding their lives.

"This event provides HomeAid San Diego the opportunity to showcase its accomplishments of the past six years, highlight the start of its newest projects and also feature the wonderful cuisine and wine selections from some of North San Diego County's most renowned restaurants," said Mitch Ellner, board president of HomeAid San Diego.

HomeAid San Diego is anticipating over 300 guests at the 2008 "Taste of North County." Supervisor Ron Roberts and beneficiaries from San Pasqual Academy and Casa de Amparo will address the guests. During the evening, attendees may tour Pardee's Derby Hill model homes featuring Pardee's Living Smart™ program.

The restaurants slated to participate in "Taste of North County" include Cavillon Restaurant, Pacifica Del Mar, Prime Chops – Specialty Meats & Seafood, Sbicca, Donovan's, Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, Elijah's Restaurant, The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Venice Ristorante & Wine Bar, Waters Fine Catering of Solana Beach, Villa Capri, Yanni's Bistro, Nothing *bundt* Cakes and San Diego Coffee Company. Wine tasting is provided compliments of Fallbrook Winery, Meritage Wine Market and The Barrel Room.

Cornerstone sponsors for the sixth annual "Taste of North County" are Pardee Homes, Newland Communities and Life is Good®, and the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) – San Diego Chapter. Individual tickets are \$50 donation per person. For more information about the event, please call (858) 646-4752 or visit www.homeaidsd.org.

HomeAid San Diego builds multi-unit housing to serve temporarily homeless families and individuals. The housing is built using skilled labor and materials - a significant portion of which is generously donated by San Diego's real estate community. In San Diego, where over 10,000 individuals are homeless each night, HomeAid San Diego has completed six projects, has one project under construction, two planned to begin construction in 2008 and others in various stages of development. The projects are donated to local nonprofit charities such as Child Abuse Prevention Foundation, Catholic Charities, Interfaith Community Services, South Bay Community Services, San Pasqual Academy, and Community Resource Center for them to operate after they are completed. To be eligible for a HomeAid San Diego project, a charity must provide the services and support needed by residents to move beyond their current homelessness and transform their lives to stability. HomeAid San Diego, one of 22 chapters of HomeAid America, Inc., was founded in March 2002 with the support of local building and real estate industry organizations. HomeAid is the nation's largest provider of housing for the temporarily homeless. To date, over 150 housing projects have been built nationally with another 62 in development. These projects provide shelter for more than 80,000 temporarily homeless individuals.

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