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Members of the South Bay Association of REALTORS® Build Homes for Hardworking Families with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles

REALTORS® proud to give back to the community; Young Professionals also raising funds for scholarships

TORRANCE, Calif. – November 10, 2011 – For the third year in a row, members of the South Bay Association of REALTORS® volunteered with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (HFH GLA) to build two homes on a development in the City of Lawndale for two hardworking, low-income families.

This “build day” was hosted by the South Bay Young Professionals Network (South Bay YPN). The team of 25 South Bay REALTORS® and HFH GLA Crew Leaders spent the day installing drywall, painting and digging trenches. The group had a great time during the build, while working hard and coming together as a team they left the build with a real sense of accomplishment.

On the build day the REALTORS® also had the opportunity to meet the one of the new homeowners, Dawn Royce. Dawn and her daughter, Candy, and their three adopted young children currently live in a deteriorating three-bedroom apartment. Candy’s dream is to raise her children in a nice home. Candy has been a childcare provider for a school in the South Bay since 2007 and Dawn is retired from many years working as a machinist. With Candy working, Dawn is able to stay home with their family.

Dawn and Candy have completed their 500 volunteer hours on their home – called ‘sweat equity’ – as part of their partnership with HFH GLA. Although their hours are finished, they plan to keep working and contributing hours to other families that are short. “I really understand how difficult it can be to get all those hours in, so I want to be able to help other families,” said Dawn. The Royce family hopes to move into their home before Christmas.

The South Bay Association members did not just arrive on build day; they spent the months prior to the build raising money for HFH GLA. This year alone they raised over \$6,000 that will help to build homes for many more hardworking, low-income families. In each of the last three years, the South Bay YPN has surpassed the \$2,500 minimum group contribution needed to build on a weekday. Not only did each REALTOR®-builder collect donations, but the South Bay YPN hosted a networking mixer that helped to raise funds for HFH GLA as well. The South Bay YPN feels strongly about supporting hardworking families and giving them the opportunity to own their own home.

This year, South Bay YPN is teaming up with HFH GLA on their Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program which celebrates the season of giving by asking donors to sponsor a partner family and ensure that every child will experience the magic of the holidays. South Bay YPN saw this as the perfect opportunity to sponsor the two families that will be moving into the Lawndale homes that they helped build!

The South Bay Association of REALTORS® is committed to community involvement all year long. When the South Bay Association of REALTORS® YPN is not raising funds and building for Habitat for Humanity, it is raising money for a scholarship fund. The South Bay YPN Scholarship Fund was created to assist South Bay residents by awarding scholarships to students enrolled at a California college or university for professions which are centered on or support a career in real estate.

“As REALTORS® we are always looking for ways to give back to our community. Habitat for Humanity was a perfect fit for us as they are an organization focused on providing housing to low-income families. We were very excited to help our community and the fact that it was right in our own backyard made this day very special for all of us,” said David Coe, REALTOR® and 2012 chairperson of the South Bay YPN.

The South Bay YPN not only offers a platform for young, professional REALTORS® to exchange knowledge, establish meaningful business relationships and discuss the latest innovative trends and ideas, but is also very committed to giving back to the community.

For more information on the South Bay YPN or events hosted by the South Bay YPN, please contact the South Bay Association of REALTORS® at 310-326-3010. For more information on Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles please visit: www.habitatla.org

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