

Steve Mills of East Bay Construction Recognized for Contributions to HomeAid Northern California

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San Ramon, CA- In an earnest speech before the HomeAidNorthern California Board of Directors, Julie O'Connor, Executive Director of HomeAidNorthern California, along with executive board member, Mark Williams of Pulte Homes; recognized the dedication and commitment of Steve Mills of East Bay Construction. O'Connor then presented Mills with the 2006 Spirit of Hope Award.

"HomeAid's mission is to build dignified housing where homeless individuals and families can rebuild their lives," said O'Connor at HomeAid's recent board meeting. "But our true mission is to give hope. No one embodies the spirit of hope more than Steve Mills."

"Steve Mills and East Bay Construction has been an integral part of the success of HomeAid's signature fund raiser, The HomeAid Trap Shoot," added Williams. "This event has in the last five years raised close to \$1,000,000.00 to support HomeAid's shelter development program. Steve and his company provided all the necessary tents, tables, chairs, rental needs—all without complaint and with great humility. The items provided by Steve Mills make the Trap Shoot more comfortable, beautiful, and is a key reason people want to participate in it, year after year."

HomeAid, the non-profit 501 (3) arm of the Home Builders of America Northern California division, builds shelters and facilities for transitionally homeless individuals and families throughout the Bay Area. HomeAid partners with established program operators where the success rate to safe, secure residences approaches 90% for formerly homeless participants.

"HomeAid is a charitable organization that our building industry can really rally around. It is great to be able to give back in a way that allows us to use our talents so that more families can live in safe, dignified environments," stated Mills as he accepted his award. "It's a natural fit and our company is proud to be associated with HomeAid."



(From left) Executive Director of HomeAid Northern California, Julie O'Connor, Sr. Director of Estimating and Purchasing of East Bay Construction Co., Inc, and Mark Williams of Pulte Homes.

HomeAid Northern California has been called the best public/private housing program of its kind in America by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Supported by 18 chapters in 12 states across the United States and over \$40 million of in-kind contributions as part of the national HomeAid program, HomeAid Northern California has had the resources to change lives- more than 60,000 lives so far.

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