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SHAFFER • BAUCOM ENGINEERING & CONSULTING TEAMS UP WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO LEND A HELPING HAND

Lakewood, CO – Shaffer • Baucom Engineering & Consulting (SBEC), a Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Design Firm, closed their office Friday, May 9th, to support the majority of employees participating in a Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver project in Denver, Colorado. SBEC volunteers spent the day framing, roofing and siding three different homes, which are soon to be occupied by three different families that are required to put in 250-500 hours of sweat-equity to help build their own home, as well as the homes of other Habitat families.

For some SBEC team members, this was their second or third Habitat for Humanity house-build, but for others, this was their first experience. “This volunteer project was a great way for our team to give back to the community,” Gary Shaffer, SBEC Principal and Vice President said. “It allowed us the opportunity to get involved as a team, and we had a great time doing it.”

Once complete, all three homes will provide a safe and affordable environment for these families. One of the families, the Yanez-Coronado family, will finally have enough space for their four children. They have lived in Denver most of their lives and have struggled to find decent and affordable housing. Martha and Eladio Yanez-Coronado are already hard at work on their sweat equity hours and both enjoy working side-by-side with other volunteers and family members. “We appreciate people taking the time to come out and help us. It feels good to know that people are happy to come out and help us build our home,” Martha and Eladio expressed.

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver has built over 320 homes in the Denver area since its inception in 1979, housing over 1,250 people. Shaffer • Baucom Engineering & Consulting volunteers helped construct what will be one of over 30 houses completed in 2008. Worldwide, Habitat for Humanity has more than 2,300 local affiliates, state support organizations and national organizations in nearly 90 countries. Completing a home somewhere in the world every 10 minutes, Habitat builds nearly 26,000 homes per year around the world.

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“I think it shows a lot about a team to give up their entire day to help make someone else’s day brighter,” said Ellie Dugle, SBEC’s Office Manager. “We were lucky enough to have the opportunity to work side-by-side with volunteers who help out every week. That is an enormous and impressive commitment, and we were honored to work with such a group of people.” SBEC team members are already in the process of planning another house-build event for the company, and they plan on making it an annual team event.

There are more families in need of safe and stable place to call home. Please consider how your company, organization, faith congregation or even your family could help Habitat provide a safe and affordable home a low-income, hardworking family right here in Metro Denver.

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