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Amber Homes and the Home Builders Foundation Break Ground on Inspiration House

March 11, 2003 - DENVER - Today, the phrase "Home Sweet Home," became a little sweeter. Amber Homes, the fastest-growing homebuilder in Colorado, and the Home Builders Foundation (HBF), a special interest council of the Home Builders Association, broke ground this morning on a unique fundraising project called Inspiration House. The site is located at 9861 Kenton Circle in Amber Homes' Eagle Creek community at the northeast corner of E. 96th Avenue and Highway 2 in Commerce City. Through the support of more than 50 contractors and donors, Amber Homes will build Inspiration House entirely with donated products and services. Because the costs to build Inspiration House will be donated, its sale will generate substantial profits, all of which will be donated to the Home Builders Foundation to help people who are in need of home renovations as a result of tragic circumstances.

"It is a tremendous honor to spearhead the Inspiration House project with the Home Builders Foundation," said Linda Harmon, principal and director of sales and marketing for Amber Homes. "Amber Homes is deeply committed to giving back to the community, and this project provides an excellent opportunity for us to partner with our contractors and suppliers to help those in need by doing what we do best—building homes. So many contractors and donors have been exceptionally generous with their time and materials, and I'm proud of those who have united to make Inspiration House a reality."

Amber Homes donated the site improvements to the lot for Inspiration House, which is located in the Eagle Creek development in Commerce City. The home is slated to be finished in August 2003, and Amber Homes and the HBF will accept offers for both the home and donated furnishings throughout construction. The two-story Inspiration House will cover approximately 1,910 square feet, and will feature four bedrooms, two and one-half bathrooms, a two-car garage, a partial basement and more than 15 upgraded amenities donated by Amber Homes' contractors, including a security system, fireplace, sprinkler system and upgraded kitchen and bathrooms. Amber Homes anticipates that Inspiration House will sell for approximately \$240,000.

All profits from the home's sale will be donated to the HBF, supporting the organization's mission to help people in need of home renovations as a result of tragic circumstances. In the past, HBF has helped Columbine High School survivors Anne Marie Hochhalter and Sean Graves, and Jeanne Van Velkinburgh, Rich Whitcomb, John Gibson and Janet Douglas—all victims of tragic circumstances.

"Denver should be very proud of everybody involved with building Inspiration House," said Roger Ladd, a member of the Board of Directors for the Home Builders Foundation and three-time Builder Captain. "Funds from the sale of this home will make a real difference in the lives of people who need help. We're pleased to be a part of this project, because what really matters in life are the things you do for other people."

Those interested in making donations to the Inspiration House project can contact Michelle Ragan at Amber Homes at (303) 671-5556 Ext. 22.

About Amber Homes

Amber Homes, based in Denver, Colo., specializes in building quality-built homes at exceptional values for first-time and other new home buyers. The company, founded in 1998, has quickly become a leader among home builders in the Denver area because of its dedication to quality and affordability. Amber Homes is committed not only to building homes that exceed customer expectations, but also to being a trusted partner to consumers throughout the home buying process. For more information, or to visit an Amber Homes community, call (303) 671-5556.

About the Home Builders Foundation

The Home Builders Foundation, a special interest council of the Home Builders Association, is a local organization comprised mainly of companies and individuals associated with the home building industry and other related fields, who strive to make the world a better place. The organization raises funds to aid people in the Denver community who are in need of home renovation as a result of tragic circumstances.

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