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### **The "Play" House**

*Created and Donated by Amber Homes, Aurora, Colorado*

**August 30, 2002** - AURORA - "When we were invited to participate in the Casas for CASA project at the 2002 Parade of Homes, we wanted to contribute something creative and unexpected," said Jim Harmon, President and CEO of Aurora-based Amber Homes. "We all know how imaginative kids can be, so we wanted to do more than just make a big home on a smaller scale. We wanted to use our own creativity to design a playhouse that would make kids say, 'Wow!'."

With the help of Amber Homes employees and subcontractors, architect Ken Goff designed a playhouse that doubles as a real "play" house where kids can use props and costumes to put on their own performances. The 8" x 10" playhouse features two folding walls that lie flat to form a stage with footlights. A deck surrounds the playhouse, and flowerpots with wooden flowers give the house a finished look. Two side doors allow actors to enter and exit the stage in dramatic fashion, and the canvas roof suggests a festival atmosphere. The playhouse is wired for electricity, and comes complete with a costume trunk and props to help kids get started on their first production.

Construction of the playhouse took a couple of months. Paul and Aaron Stremick, of Stremick Construction, worked on the project during breaks from building full-sized homes. Amber Homes employees put the finishing touches on the playhouse, and for Media Day, the children of Amber Homes employees are using the house to stage its first-ever production.

"We're thrilled to be a part of the Casas for CASA event. We believe it's important to show our support for the CASA program and the children whose lives it helps to change," said Harmon. "And, building the playhouse was fun for us, too."

### **About Amber Homes**

Amber Homes, based in Aurora, 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. Amber Homes was recently named 2002 Top Company of the Year in real estate and construction at the 15th Annual Colorado Business Awards. In addition, Amber Homes received 2002 honors as the second-fastest growing private business in Colorado by the Denver Business Journal, and was a finalist in the DBJ's 2002 Family Business Awards. For more information, or to visit an Amber Homes community, call (303) 671-5556.

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