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HOME DEPOT VOLUNTEERS GIVE EAH'S CASA ADOBE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUILDING IN SAN PABLO A 'GREEN' PAINT JOB, THANKS TO GLIDDEN PAINTS

SAN RAFAEL, CA – In an effort to promote green building techniques, Team Depot volunteer associates from The Home Depot stores in El Cerrito, Hercules and San Rafael have repainted Casa Adobe with low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) paint, donated by Glidden Paints. Casa Adobe is a 54-unit affordable housing complex building for senior citizens and the disabled, located in San Pablo and managed by EAH (Ecumenical Association for Housing). VOC paint, which contains minimal offgasing fumes, was used to repaint the community and sun rooms. The project was sponsored by Bay Area Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a national community development support organization that advocates the use of environmentally correct construction materials to create healthier living environments for low-income residents, and The Home Depot Foundation.

“These kinds of partnerships, between businesses and non-profits, are a tremendous help to organizations like EAH, enabling us to maintain a healthy environment for the disabled and low-income seniors for whom we provide housing,” said Mary Murtagh, CEO and President of EAH. “The volunteer spirit of the Team Depot workers is an added benefit to the total package of helping those who are less fortunate. We can’t thank them enough. Also, special thanks to LISC for organizing this great event and for being wonderful partners to those of us in the affordable housing community. We can’t thank them enough. Murtagh adds.

The Casa Adobe project is similar to about 1,000 other service projects that volunteers from Home Depot stores are working on nationwide during the month of March.

The Home Depot Foundation administers grant-making programs in the areas of “Affordable Housing Built Responsibly” and “Healthy Community and Wildland

Forests.” Since its formation, The Home Depot Foundation has granted more than \$20 million to nonprofit and government organizations throughout North America.

EAH, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation founded with the belief that affordable housing is the cornerstone to solving many social justice issues and creating healthy, sustainable communities. EAH has become one of the most respected nonprofit housing development and management organizations in the country. With a staff of 350 serving 15,000 residents, EAH manages 67 properties (6500 units), develops low-income housing (68 properties) and plays a leadership role in housing advocacy efforts. EAH’s central office is located in San Rafael, California with regional office in Fresno, San Jose and Honolulu.

For more information about EAH, call 415-258-1800 or visit its website at www.eahhousing.org