



WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

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PROGRESS REPORT

The business community continued to step forward to support our students and our veterans. [HomeAid San Diego](#) rallied member companies to help the [Warrior Village Project](#) complete our first cottage for [Wounded Warrior Homes](#) in Vista: Jamie Prevost of [Prevost Construction](#) enlisted the help of [Dudley Insulation](#) and Interior Specialties.

- [Dudley Insulation](#) donated and installed the insulation in our first cottage.
- Interior Specialties donated and installed drywall materials for our first cottage obtained at cost from [L&W Supply](#).

[Lindsay Wood](#), Outreach Director for the [Tiny Home Industry Association](#) (THIA), and her husband Eric visited our house on August 11.



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[HomeAid San Diego](#) rallies members to aid Warrior Village Project

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[Prevost Construction](#) enlists contractors to help complete cottage

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[Dudley Insulation](#) donates and installs insulation

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Interior Specialties donates and installs drywall

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VIP PROFILE

HomeAid San Diego, Board of Directors

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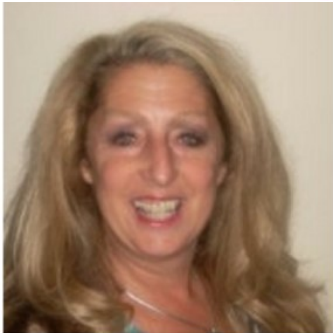
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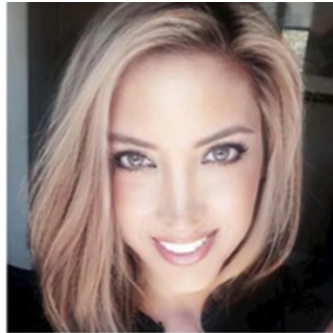
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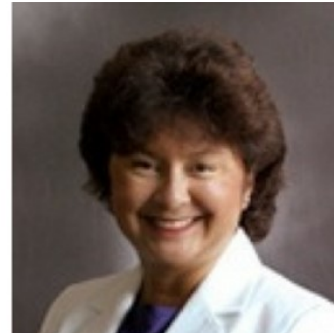
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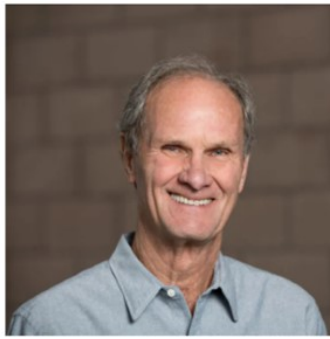
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SCHOOL UPDATE

Rancho Buena Vista High School, Vista

This month we welcome [Rancho Buena Vista High School](#) (Rancho Buena Vista, or 'RBV', or the 'Ranch') to our [Building Industry Technology Academy](#) (BITA) family. Rancho Buena Vista is the third school in San Diego County to join the BITA program sponsored by the [California Homebuilding Foundation](#). Rancho Buena Vista will be launching its Construction Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway during the 2021 – 2022 academic year by adding ***BITA Year 1 Course: Foundation of Residential and Commercial Construction*** to its class offerings.

This introductory course in Construction is designed to teach basic skills for the construction trades through a course rich in connections to construction projects that will generate interest in math and increase students' likelihood of success. The course covers basic construction math; measurement and scale, blueprint reading, safety, and procedural use of hand and power tools. Students acquire these skills through the use of technology and real-world problem solving. Integrated throughout the course are foundation standards, which include communication, ethics, interpersonal/team skills, critical thinking and other employment skills needed for the 21st Century. This course is required if students intend to complete the Building Industry Technology Academy CTE Pathway in later years.



YEAR ONE

Foundation of Residential and Commercial Construction

Rancho Buena Vista opened in September 1987. It is a comprehensive, public secondary school in the [Vista Unified School District](#). It is one of the largest schools in San Diego County, with over 2,700 enrolled students. Rancho Buena Vista is one of 964 schools in the United States offering the [International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme](#). It was the first school in the State of California to adopt this rigorous program of study.

The school is a [California Distinguished School](#). In the 1990–1991 and 1994–1995 school years Rancho Buena Vista was awarded the Blue Ribbon School Award of Excellence by the United States Department of Education, the highest award an American school can receive. It has a 90% 4-year graduation rate.

After Rancho Buena Vista has established its Construction Program, it is our hope that the school will join the Warrior Village Project by building a cottage for our veterans as a capstone project.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

On August 4, Ernie Navarrete and Francisco Acevedo from [Dudley Insulation, Inc.](#) arrived with a load of unfaced fiberglass insulation for the cottage we are building for Wounded Warrior Homes in Vista. To comply with California's [2016 Building Efficiency Standards](#) (Title-24), they installed R-38 insulation in the ceiling, R-21 in the walls, and R-19 in the sub-floor.



Breathing in tiny glass fibers from fiberglass insulation is hazardous. Small bits of glass can accumulate in a person's lungs, leading to respiratory ailments. Fiberglass exposure can also inflame the eyes and skin. So, Ernie and Francisco wore long-sleeve shirts and full face respirator masks while installing the insulation. To work in the crawl space under the house they also donned coverall hazmat suits.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)

After a few hours of hard work, Ernie and Francisco completed the installation of all of the insulation. On August 6 County of San Diego Building Inspector Marc Morcos gave us a "Pass" on his Code162 - Energy Insulation/Sound/1st Inspection. The cottage was ready for the installation of [drywall](#).



John Page of Interior Specialties donated all of the drywall materials that we needed. His supplier, [L&W Supply](#), sold him the materials at cost when John told Nigel Smith, L&W's San Diego Branch Manager, that the materials were for the Warrior Village Project. On August 6, Marco and Miguel from L&W delivered 5/8" drywall for the ceiling, standard 1/2" drywall for the walls, mold resistant drywall for the bathroom, paper tape, mesh tape, joint compound, corner bead and thousands of drywall screws.



John offered to have a crew from Interior Specialties install the drywall, but they were so busy that they couldn't do the work until September. We were anxious to get the work done, so we started organizing a Work Day for volunteers to hang drywall. Then John called and told me that Field Foreman Joe Fielding and his crew were eager to help us. So, John, Joe and Francisco Gomez figured out how to work our ADU into their schedule, by working extra fast and putting in overtime. Martin Muñoz (Marine, retired), Jose Sanchez and Abraham Contreras started hanging drywall on August 12.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)



Martin and Jose came back on August 20 to finish hanging drywall. These guys work really fast. It would have taken our volunteer crew days to do what they did in a few hours!



We were ready for a drywall inspection on August 23. County of San Diego Building Inspector Marc Morcos gave us a 'Pass' on his Code 134 - Lath/Drywall - Interior Inspection as well as a thumbs up on the water test of the shower pan Mike McSweeney constructed.



Right to Left: Jose, Martin and Abraham



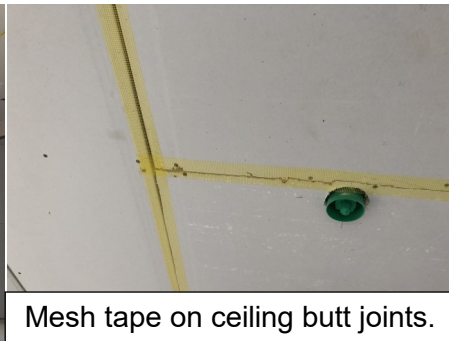
Building Inspector Marc Morcos

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)

After passing our drywall inspection, we were ready for the taping crew to start taping the drywall. Alex Cevallos, Raul Gutiérrez, David Lopez, and Sergio Cataño from Interior Specialties arrived before 7:00 am on Saturday, August 28 to tape the drywall joints and install corner bead.

One thing I have noticed while watching professionals working in the trades, is how much team work is occurring, even when it isn't obvious. I saw it with Rick Hoehn and Rick Millwee working side-by-side to install plumbing, anticipating each other's actions and next steps without exchanging a word. I also saw it with the electricians from JAAM Electric.

It is impressive to watch the tapers from Interior Specialties work, each performing a multitude of separate tasks that seamlessly came together to get the job done. They are like a quartet who have performed together for years, working hard and fast, but appearing to play effortlessly.



Mesh tape on ceiling butt joints.



Raul loads his Automatic Taper and lays a bead of joint compound and paper tape.



David measures, cuts & staples corner bead around windows. Sergio applies mesh tape on corners.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)



A laser light on the floor projects a green line on the ceiling of the living room, marking the peak of the ceiling so that Raul can lay a strip of heavy duty tape along the ridge line in a perfect straight line.



Alex and Sergio: they're here, they're there, they're everywhere with their trusty finishing tools!

Interior Specialties will be back to do a bit more work on the drywall. Then we will prime and paint the interior, prep and install the flooring, and install the kitchen cabinets and built-in closet wardrobe.



Right to Left: Raul, David, Alex and Sergio.

PARTNERS HomeAid San Diego



VISION

“To play a vital role in the elimination of homelessness.”

MISSION

“Building new lives for homeless families and individuals through housing and community outreach.”

Established in 2002, [HomeAid San Diego](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to building multi-unit housing for San Diego’s temporarily homeless men, women and children. HomeAid San Diego is one of 6 Home Aid chapters in California and 19 chapters in 13 states. The organization is supported by an alliance of local building and real estate industry organizations.

Research indicates that more than 80 percent of the total homeless population are women, children and families that experience a life-altering event (e.g. job loss, natural disaster, foreclosure, divorce abuse or medical condition) that drives them to homelessness. Typically these temporary or transitional homeless individuals and families merely need a second chance to get their feet back on the ground, attain self-sufficiency, and move quickly toward acquiring some sort of permanent housing.

Through the generosity of builders, their trade partners, and [Sponsors](#), HomeAid San Diego builds multi-unit housing for this temporary homeless population, in partnership with non-profit [Service Providers](#) such as Promises2Kids, Catholic Charities, Interfaith Community Services, Home Start, Inc., Casa de Amparo and others. These charities operate the housing and provide social services that enable residents to move beyond their temporary situation and transform their lives.

Under the leadership of [Builder Captains](#), HomeAid San Diego develops projects with the support of trade partners and volunteers. Once they are completed, professional service providers take up the baton by providing services that help residents regain strength and purpose in a safe environment. In just a few years, HomeAid San Diego has built or renovated fifteen projects with outstanding builders acting as Builder Captains and hundreds of local companies donating critical materials and services.

HomeAid San Diego’s projects benefit foster youth, women, emancipated foster youth, and children fleeing domestic violence; temporarily homeless women over 50; veterans, seniors, disabled individuals, abused and neglected children, and young mothers 18-23 and their children. These homes serve more than 300 temporarily homeless individuals and provide 1,000 bed nights each year for the temporarily homeless. Almost \$3.7 million of in-kind labor and donated materials have been generated, amounting to 77 percent of total project costs. The total value of completed projects is greater than \$18.6 million.

In December 2020, Alexis Parker, at the time the Executive Director of HomeAid San Diego, asked to be added to the email distribution list for our Warrior Village Project newsletter. I researched HomeAid and I thought to myself: “these are our kind of people!” This initial engagement led to a conversation with [Staci Reidinger](#), President of the HomeAid San Diego Board of Directors and a Marine (retired). Staci thought that there was scope for collaboration between HomeAid San Diego and the Warrior Village Project, particularly since HomeAid was about to start a new workforce development program.

HomeAid San Diego is launching its [HomeAid San Diego Works \(Workforce Opportunities for Rebuilding through Knowledge and Skills\) Program](#) in the Fall of 2021 to address the critical labor shortage in the home building industry by providing technical construction training, education and job opportunities for at-risk youth, men, women, and veterans who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness or exiting homelessness. This new program is an extension of services provided through HomeAid San Diego’s cornerstone Housing Development and Community Outreach programs. Click through to learn more about [HomeAid Works Program](#) training.

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BUILDING THE FUTURE: PUTTING PEOPLE TO WORK IN CONSTRUCTION JOBS

HomeAid WORKS Workforce Development Program

Many people experiencing homelessness want to work but need to be given the environment and structure to succeed and opportunities for quality meaningful work at a liveable wage.

The HomeAid WORKS Program provides an opportunity to help women and emancipated and at-risk youth take advantage of expanding opportunities in the building industry, as well as reaching men who have fallen out of the workforce but are trainable in building industry skills.

Through established partnerships with existing construction educational programs and the development of our own HomeAid WORKS curriculum, the HomeAid WORKS Program:

- Provides construction training and job opportunities in the home building industry to people experiencing, at risk of, or exiting homelessness.
- Opportunity for job skill development program free to all participants
- Support to eliminate barriers to attending training, including but not limited to transportation, child-care, and computer access
- Provision of educational and construction tools and materials as needed
- Access to potential employers
- On-the-job training in the construction industry
- Opportunities for women and youth to explore non-traditional career options in the home building industry

The goal of this program is to provide people with a solid foundation in construction skills, career support and ultimately meaningful employment in the construction industry to increase their likelihood of permanently exiting homelessness. Ultimately, we don't simply want to get people off the streets, we want to see human beings healed and thriving in full, productive lives.



Building new lives for America's homeless through housing and community outreach.

SPONSORS

In 2002, [HomeAid San Diego](#) was founded to fight homelessness by bringing together builders, community leaders, trade partners, donors, volunteers and non-profit professional care providers. I asked [Staci Reidinger](#), President of the HomeAid San Diego Board, if HomeAid could arrange the donation of insulation and drywall for the cottage we are building for [Wounded Warrior Homes](#). Within a week, she had enlisted the help of fellow board member [Jamie Prevost](#), CEO & President of [Prevost Construction](#). Jamie started calling trade partners, and Corey Dudley of [Dudley Insulation, Inc.](#) and John Page of [Interior Specialties, Inc.](#) were quick to offer their help.



[Prevost Construction](#) is a prominent San Diego-based general contractor specializing in all areas of commercial tenant improvements including: Life Science facilities, Class A and creative office environments, food service industry, and building re-imaging. Jamie Prevost is excited for the opportunity with HomeAid San Diego “to collaborate with like-minded individuals who believe in serving our community. By pooling our talents and resources to make an impact on the lives of those families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness, we have a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many people who need our help.” Thank you Jamie Prevost for all that you do for our community!

[Dudley Insulation, Inc.](#) is a commercial and residential insulation company that provides a range of services and applications. Dudley’s objective is to establish relationships with contractors and home owners by providing a quality product, at a competitive price. On August 4, Marcos and Miguel from [Dudley Insulation, Inc.](#) arrived with a truck load of fiberglass batt insulation: R-38 for the ceiling, R-21 for the walls, and R-19 for the sub-floor. Operating their knives like light sabers, they installed all of the insulation in a few hours - work that would have taken our amateur volunteers much longer. We got a top quality insulation job at a very competitive price - free! Thank you Corey Dudley for supporting our students and our veterans!



John Page, owner of Interior Specialties, reached out to the Warrior Village Project, eager to help us with our drywall needs after being told about our project by Prevost Construction. John spoke to Nigel Smith, Manager of the San Diego Branch of [L&W Supply](#), who agreed to sell Interior Specialties the materials for the job at cost. John offered to have his staff install the drywall, although their work schedule was so busy that it was going to be difficult to fit us in before September. Joe Fielding, Field Foreman, told John that he and his crew really wanted to help us, so John figured out how to work us into their schedule and get it done. I think it involved a fair amount of overtime for John’s employees. Thank you John and Interior Specialties. We appreciate your extraordinary effort to help our students and our veterans!

DONATE TO THE WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

We can provide truly affordable, permanent housing. But, we can't do it for free. To succeed, we need financial support. The materials required to build our cottages cost about \$25,000 per cottage. It will cost about \$10,000 to transport a cottage to its installation site. The cost of installing a cottage as an Accessory Dwelling Unit will depend on the site. But, it should cost about \$30,000 per cottage. Hence, we can provide permanent housing for a veteran for about \$65,000 per unit. This is a bargain compared to the cost of government supported 'affordable' housing projects. According to the [Terner Center for Housing Innovation](#) at UC Berkeley, it cost an average of \$480,000 (\$700/sq ft) to build one unit of affordable housing in California under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

Donors who wish to donate for the construction of our cottages at San Marcos High School can make a contribution through our fiscal sponsor, [The San Marcos Promise](https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate) (<https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate>), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

- **Online Donations:** When you donate online, please '*Leave A Comment*' indicating that your donation is for the Warrior Village Project.
- **Donations by Check:** Mail your check, made payable to The San Marcos Promise, to:

**The San Marcos Promise
255 Pico Avenue, Suite 103
San Marcos, CA 92069**

Please write on the Check's Memo Line that your donation is for the Warrior Village Project.

If you would like more information on the Warrior Village Project and our Partners, please visit our website, WarriorVillageProject.com, or send an email to Mark.L.Pilcher@gmail.com.

Please help us to provide affordable, permanent housing for homeless veterans while training the next generation of homebuilders.

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