

Community Food Bank NEWS

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"Home of Hope" Builds Partnerships to End Hunger

Granville Homes and Community Food Bank break ground on 2nd Annual "Home of Hope"

Fresno, CA – Community members and local leaders turned out today to support the American dream as Community Food Bank and seven local non-profits and community organizations broke ground on the 2nd Annual Granville "Home of Hope."

The Granville "Home of Hope" is a 2,029 square foot home that will be raffled off to benefit the Community Food Bank and seven other non-profit and community organizations. The one-story, three bedroom home with study and two and half bathroom sits in the new gated Tuscan Bluff Community at Copper River Ranch. Granville Homes and its subcontractors have donated materials supplies and labor to construct this home.

"The "Home of Hope" was created in an effort to help those who are less fortunate. This is our way of making a difference in the community and help in the fight against hunger," said Darius Assemi, Principal of Granville Homes. "This home will help feed thousands of individuals, children and seniors that go hungry everyday."

The "Home of Hope" is a fundraiser conducted by the Waterford Foundation to help the efforts of eight local organizations. 100% of the proceeds raised from the raffle will benefit: Community Food Bank, Poverello House, Hinds Hospice, Fresno Metro Ministries and Fresno Unified, Central Unified, Clovis Unified and Sanger Unified School Districts.

"We are proud to be associated with organizations such as Community Food Bank, who work hard everyday to end hunger," said Darius Assemi, Principal of Granville Homes. "This home is a symbol of what each of these organizations do everyday, to give hope to those who are in need in our community."

Those wishing to participate in the raffle are encouraged to purchase a ticket for \$100 from April 30th until November 10, 2007. According to Assemi, a maximum of 10,000 tickets will be sold.

"The generous donation by Granville Homes and its subcontractors which made this raffle possible has enabled Community Food Bank to continue its fight against hunger," said Sarah Reyes, CEO, Community Food Bank. "This home will mean so much to the many individuals, families and children we serve everyday. Because of this home, thousands of families and children will not go hungry in our community."

For more information on the Granville "Home of Hope" please visit www.gvhomeofhope.com or call (559) 440-8388.