

TRENDMAKER HOMES AND THE WOODLANDS BREAK GROUND FOR BENEFIT HOMES PROJECT

March 4, 2009 – An enthusiastic crowd gathered at the homesite in The Woodlands' Village of Sterling Ridge in March to take part in the official groundbreaking ceremony for one of two Greater Houston Builders Association Benefit Homes (GHBA). The Woodlands Development Company donated the homesite in this May Valley neighborhood and Trendmaker Homes is donating the construction.

Eight gold shovels launched the first stage of construction of Trendmaker's new Living View Product (Plan M242N). The home is expected to be completed in approximately four months. On-hand for the event from Trendmaker Homes was Will Holder, president, David Walton, director of purchasing and Lin Spears, marketing director; participating from The Woodlands were Tim Welbes, president, Buck Driggers, vice president of residential and Susan Vreeland, director of marketing. From the GHBA was Lisa Clark, board president; GHBA board members were Rebecca Akins, KC Cox, Terry Shuffler and David Hodges; Also attending were Don Klein, chairman of the Benefit Homes Project and president of Chesmar Homes; Chris Hawkins, president of the HomeAid board and Bette Moser, executive director of HomeAid; Richard Elbein, CEO of the Alzheimer's Association and Dr. Ernest Fruge with Texas Children's Hospital.

A number of vendors were also on-hand to offer their services and/or materials to help in the construction of the home. D&R Signs LLP donated the sign. Each year, two homes are built for the Project with donations by the GHBA members. From the survey, lumber, brick, roofing, plumbing and appliances to the landscape and title work, the GHBA members step up to ensure each home is built and then sold at market value. The majority of the proceeds benefit charity. This year the beneficiaries are Texas Children's Hospital, the Alzheimer's Association and HomeAid Houston. Since the Project began 29 years ago, more than \$5 million has been raised.

“Today was a special one for the GHBA Benefit Homes team,” said Lisa Clark. “The tremendous turn-out we had is a testament to the generosity of our members. It is their effort, dedication and commitment to the community that inspires each one of them to become part of this annual fund raiser.”

“The team of Trendmaker Homes and The Woodlands is a sure success as we begin the 29th year of the Benefit Homes Project,” added Don Klein. “The two companies are top names in the housing industry. They are both dedicated to developing prime neighborhoods and offering a quality of life that appeals to the most demanding homebuyer. The Benefit Homes Project is sure to be a banner year.”

Trendmaker’s Living View Product plan number M242N is a 3807 sq. ft. 2-story design. It features 4 large bedrooms and 3.5 baths. This home includes a study, a large island kitchen complete with a breakfast area and multiple windows. The kitchen opens onto a spacious family room. The master suite offers a corner glass shower, a whirlpool tub, and two walk-in closets. Upstairs is a game room, a media room, a balcony that overlooks the family room and three large secondary bedrooms. This plan also features a covered rear porch and a 3-car garage.

The second Benefit Home is being constructed by Chesmar Homes in the new “hybrid” community of Discovery at Spring Trails. Chesmar is donating the construction for a third year in a row, and Land Tejas Companies, the developer of Discovery is donating a homesite for the 11th year in a row.

For more information on Trendmaker Homes visit www.TrendmakerHomes.com

For more information about The Woodlands visit www.thewoodlands.com and www.thewoodlands.net, or call The Woodlands Homefinder Center at 281-719-6333.

For more information on the Greater Houston Builders Association Benefit Homes Project call the GHBA at 281-970-8970 or visit www.ghba.org

