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Smith Barney Financial Advisors and Staff Partner With San Diego Habitat for Humanity to Build Homes in Oceanside for Local Families in Need of Affordable Housing

(San Diego, January 24, 2009): Smith Barney Financial Advisors and staff joined San Diego Habitat for Humanity for a day of volunteering at the Libby Lake build site in Oceanside. The project consists of twenty single family three and four bedroom homes.

Over forty Smith Barney volunteers came from the local Smith Barney branch offices of Rancho Santa Fe, La Jolla and UTC. San Diego Habitat for Humanity Supervisor Mike Gehl supervised the Smith Barney crew as they constructed fences, worked on landscaping, painted and performed other tasks on five of the nearly completed homes.

“Achieving the dream of home ownership” is what this project is all about says Gehl. “Working with a donor group such as Smith Barney who come out to volunteer is ideal for Habitat.” Gehl is planning on completing “phase one” (the first five homes) by this February. Fifteen more homes, for a total of twenty will be built at the site.

“Smith Barney and the members of the three offices wanted to give back to the community we work in.” said Robert Lakosil, Vice President Smith Barney La Jolla and UTC offices. “We all enjoyed participating, meeting the families and helping them to build a house that they can spend their future lives in. We are looking forward to doing this again in the near future.”

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