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NEWS RELEASE

Three Local Nonprofits to Benefit from 2009 Parade of Homes™

Home Tour Featuring Ultra Green/Urban Homes Kicks off May 23; Ends June 7

AUSTIN, Texas, Apr. 22, 2009 – The Home Builders Association (HBA) of Greater Austin, in cooperation with Catellus Development Group, will donate a portion of this year's Parade of Homes™ ticket proceeds to benefit three local nonprofit organizations: the [Austin Children's Museum](#), the [Austin Children's Shelter](#) and the [Health Alliance for Austin Musicians \(HAAM\)](#).

"Catellus is proud to be working with the HBA on this special way to support the nonprofits that are having an impact on Mueller and the surrounding community," said Matt Whelan, senior vice president of Catellus, the master developer of Mueller. "The Austin Children's Museum plans to relocate to Mueller's future town center while construction is well underway at the Austin Children's Shelter, located in the adjacent Rathgeber Village, making them natural beneficiaries for HBA's annual tradition of supporting local nonprofit groups at the Parade of Homes™. And, in keeping with the spirit of Mueller as a vibrant part of Austin's cultural scene, HBA and Catellus were eager to support an organization like HAAM that is helping provide healthcare services to our local musicians."

Following a competitive process last summer, the Austin Children's Museum selected Mueller as its new home based on shared commitments to family-oriented development, diversity and sustainability. Since 1983, the organization has provided a place where Austin's kids can become more creative, inventive and competent for the jobs of tomorrow.

"We're honored to benefit from an event like the Parade of Homes™ that is sure to bring countless families to discover or rediscover the progress being made at Mueller," said Austin Children's Museum Executive Director Mike Nellis. "Every time we go to Mueller for a meeting or site visit, we're even more impressed by how the development is taking shape and we're looking forward to the day when we can call Mueller home."

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The Austin Children's Shelter holds a special place in the hearts of both the HBA and Catellus.

"The Home Builders Association of Greater Austin and its members are proud of their involvement in the construction of the Austin Children's Shelter cottages at the new Rathgeber Village at Mueller," said HBA President Wes Peoples, who also serves as an Austin Children's Shelter board member. "It's very gratifying to know that through those efforts the HBA will play an important part in supporting Austin's children for years to come."



"We're delighted that Catellus and HBA have chosen us to be a beneficiary of this year's Parade of Homes," said Austin Children's Shelter Executive Director Gena VanOsselaer. "It's evident Mueller extends well beyond its official borders. The support and recognition we receive from this event in this, our 25th anniversary of service to abused and neglected children, will help to sustain our mission and raise awareness of our new campus adjacent to the Mueller community."

HAAM has been chosen in part because of the HBA's and Catellus's commitment to Austin's local economy. The music industry contributes nearly \$1 billion in economic activity, more than \$25 million in local tax revenue each year and provides 11,200 jobs. HAAM provides access to affordable health care for Austin's low income, uninsured musicians, focusing on prevention and wellness.



"The Austin vibe that's continually evolving at Mueller is extraordinary," said HAAM Executive Director Carolyn Schwarz. "We're proud to support the culture in this truly Austin neighborhood by helping to add live, local music to the Parade, and we're appreciative that our efforts will result in contributions that directly support the musicians that make Austin such a great place to live."

The 56th annual Parade of Homes™ opens its doors on Saturday, May 23 and runs through Sunday, June 7, 2009 at Mueller hosted by [Catellus Development Group](#). This year's Parade of Homes™, the first in Central Austin in decades, will be unlike any other as it focuses on ultra-green, ultra-urban homes from a group of exclusively local home builders: [Bill Taute Homes](#), [Cool River Custom Homes](#), [Durrett Interests](#), [The Muskin Company](#) and [Streetman Homes](#).

The tour allows visitors to check out the latest in architecture, interior decorating, landscape design and green-building features. These homes, starting at approximately \$1 million, are anticipated to be the first in Central Texas to earn three energy efficiency ratings: (1) a five-star rating in the nationally recognized Austin Energy Green Building program, (2) LEED® certification from the U.S. Green Building Council and (3) green building silver level certification from the National Association of Home Builders. The homes on the tour will range from 3,000 to 4,500 square feet.

Mueller's commitment to a broad range of home types and prices is planned to create a diverse, mixed-income community. With the inclusion of the Parade Homes, residences at Mueller now range from the \$120,000s to more than \$1 million.

Homes will be open as weather permits. For information about tickets, parking and event features, visit www.AustinHomeBuilders.com.

About the HBA

For more than 55 years, the Home Builders Association (HBA) of Greater Austin has served as the leading not-for-profit trade organization dedicated to residential construction and remodeling in Central Texas. With approximately 850 members, the HBA works with government, public, business and community organizations in five counties to protect every family's right to home ownership. The HBA and its members work to ensure that those who protect us, teach our children, and provide essential services can afford to live here. The vast majority of new homes are purchased by middle-class families – the very people at risk of being priced out of our communities by rising taxes and government fees. For more information, visit www.AustinHomeBuilders.com.

About Mueller

Mueller is one of the nation's most notable new-urbanist communities located in the heart of Austin. The 700-acre site of Austin's former airport is being transformed into a diverse, sustainable, compatible, revitalizing and fiscally responsible master-planned community. Mueller is taking shape as a joint project between the City of Austin and Catellus Development Group, a ProLogis company, over 10-15 years following nearly 20 years of extensive citizen input. Upon completion, Mueller will feature at least 4,600 single-family and multi-family homes, a mixed-use town center district, 3.8 million square feet of prime commercial space, 650,000 square feet of local and regional retail space, 140 acres of parks and open space, Dell Children's Medical Center and the Austin Film Studios. For more information, visit www.MuellerAustin.com

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