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LOCAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY RENOVATES EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER FOR YOUTH

REDMOND, October 4, 2007 – The Burnsteads, in cooperation with their trade sub-contractors, conducted their own version of “Extreme Makeover Home Edition” in Kenmore on September 29. Each year as part of their Helping Hands project, they provide the construction materials and volunteers to completely refurbish a facility for a local non-profit in need. This year, the Burnsteads chose Friends of Youth’s Youth Haven Kenmore facility, an emergency shelter for boys ages 11-17 who need temporary housing in times of personal or family crisis.

On Saturday, over 100 volunteers arrives at the Youth Haven home to landscape, paint, install shelving and perform other types of construction. They replaced the floors, lighting fixtures, windows and window treatments, cabinets, sinks, faucets, and tubs. To top off this amazing gift, the Burnsteads and their sub-contractors provided the site with a brand new refrigerator, range, dishwasher and garbage disposal for the kitchen.

“This gift is truly amazing,” says Ed Belleba, President & CEO of Friends of Youth. “It is important to us that we can provide a welcoming, home-like environment to these kids who are experiencing a chaotic time in their lives. The Burnsteads helped ensure we can do that.”

The value of Burnsteads’ donation was estimated to be between \$50-75K.



About Friends of Youth:

Friends of Youth is a non-profit agency that provides a continuum of services to youth and their families in King and Snohomish Counties, including homeless shelters, transitional housing, outreach, mental health counseling and substance abuse prevention and treatment. We help young people in challenging situations get their lives back on track. For more information, visit www.friendsofyouth.org.

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