



DECONSTRUCTION NETWORK PARTNERS WITH LOCAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR REUSE OF HOME BUILDING MATERIALS

Reusable Doors, Windows and more Donated to Habitat ReStore will Help Build more Homes & Divert Tons of Materials from Local Landfills

Santa Barbara, CA – January 27, 2009: Deconstruction & Building Materials ReUse Network, Inc. ([Deconstruction Network](#)) is teaming with Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County ([Habitat](#)) to offer residents comprehensive deconstruction and building materials reuse solutions. The Team's programs, targeting homeowners, building industry professionals and environmentally-minded community members, will advance waste diversion efforts within the county and achieve building materials reuse at much improved levels through Deconstruction Network's whole house Deconstruction Solutions program and Habitat's not-for-profit retail "ReStore" in Goleta.

Deconstruction is the careful dismantling and reclaiming of a structure's reusable, finished materials and rough lumber. Through the team's Deconstruction Solutions program, homeowners can be assured all reusable building materials salvaged from a remodel or complete tear-down will be honored as a tax-deductible donation.

Most program materials will be resold at the [ReStore](#), located at 6725 Hollister Avenue, in Goleta. The Habitat ReStore is currently accepting donations, welcomes deconstruction program inquiries, and strongly supports the principles of *reduce, reuse, and recycle*. Donated items may be used in Habitat's building projects, or be resold to the public, while also supporting Deconstruction Network's mission to increase waste diversion and build community awareness of positive and rational alternatives to traditional crude and wasteful demolition practices.

The ReStore provides a three-fold benefit: 1) the acquisition of highly usable materials for Habitat homes at no cost 2) a steady stream of revenue (from sales) to be used to support Habitat's mission to eliminate substandard housing, and 3) the opportunity to divert a great amount of usable building materials from local landfills.

"We wholeheartedly support Habitat for Humanity's mission and I am so pleased to partner with the affiliate in Southern Santa Barbara County," says Lorenz Schilling, president/founder of Deconstruction Network. "Together we'll be able to fund more affordable housing, as well as, recycle valuable building materials back into the community."

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Deconstruction Network works with local deconstruction contractors and building professionals to offer simple solutions for homeowners to dismantle and reuse their home's valuable physical assets rather than disposing of them. The improvements to most homes can provide the ReStore with inventory while diverting tons of materials from needlessly entering local landfills. An average 2,000 square foot home may yield as much as 85% in reusable materials, including approximately 9 tons of reusable lumber alone. In addition to the environmental benefits, homeowners may also achieve significant tax savings based on their unique donation's appraised value.

"We believe the deconstruction and segregation of good usable materials is a win-win proposition," said Joyce McCullough, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County, "We will use the materials in our home building projects, or sell them at deep discounts to the public. Anyone looking for affordable, environmentally friendly options for home improvement materials should check out the ReStore and tell a friend to consider deconstruction"

Habitat's ReStore opened in August 2008 and hopes that more people will see the value of reusing perfectly good home improvement materials and will consider the ReStore as an alternative to buying new.

About Deconstruction & Building Materials ReUse Network, Inc.

Deconstruction Network is an environmental public benefit corporation 501(c)(3), whose mission is to promote and empower deconstruction practices and to grow a greater reuse network for quality building materials through partnerships with complimentary operations and organizations. The Deconstruction Network currently serves Northern and Southern California with partnerships that benefit Habitat for Humanity and Corazon. www.Decon-Network.org

About Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County

Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County is an independent, locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity and its affiliates build homes for sale to partner families with no profit, zero-interest mortgages. Habitat for Humanity is not a relief agency, but an established non-profit home building organization with a worldwide network of volunteers and nearly three decades of experience in home building. The local affiliate was established in 2000 and completed its first major home building project in 2007, three homes on Via Lucero. The next home building project, four homes on San Pascual Street, will start in early 2009. Volunteers and other support are welcome. Visit www.sbhabitat.org for more information.

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