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## **VALUABLE MATERIALS RECLAIMED FROM MANHATTAN BEACH HOME REMODEL GET SECOND LIFE & HELP FAMILIES IN NEED**

*Deconstruction & ReUse Network helps Homeowner go “Green” by Donating Salvaged Items to Habitat for Humanity of Greater L.A.*

Laguna Beach, CA – June 2, 2009: [Deconstruction & ReUse Network](#) (DRN), an environmental and humanitarian non-profit, is assisting a Manhattan Beach homeowner in the dismantling of a nearly 3,000 square-foot home and facilitating the donations of all reclaimed building materials for reuse. Several tons of finished materials salvaged from the home have been delivered to [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles](#) for resale in its [Home Improvement Store](#). DRN partners with Habitat for Humanity to support the building of more affordable homes and diversion of unnecessary waste from landfills, while maximizing tax-deductible donations for homeowners. All donated items from this home, which include maple cabinetry and vanities, appliances, granite countertops, doors, shutters and more are available for purchase at the Habitat Home Improvement Store located in Gardena.

“This home was built in the 1990’s and has beautiful fixtures and materials that would have ended up in a local landfill,” says Lorenz Schilling, founder of DRN. “Thanks to this homeowner’s decision not to demolish, but to deconstruct and donate their home, tons of materials will get a second life and low-income families will be closer to a better life.”

DRN oversaw the delivery of 1 1/2 truckloads of materials to the Habitat Home Improvement Store where everything was then itemized, priced and added to the store floor. Items now available for purchase include KitchenAid appliances, maple kitchen cabinetry and bathroom vanities, granite countertops, doors, windows, shutters, stovetop, nightstands, light fixtures and faceplates. The Habitat Home Improvement Store is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 9am to 6pm.

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Deconstruction & ReUse Network partners with complementary humanitarian non-profits as part of its commitment to completing the circle of reuse. The organization works with homeowners to deconstruct their home and oversees the donation of valuable, reusable materials to its non-profit partners. Deconstruction is the careful dismantling of a home, performed by licensed deconstruction contractors and facilitated and documented by DRN. Finished materials are donated to Habitat for Humanity ReStores and raw building materials are donated to [Corazon](#), a ministry that builds homes in Baja for low-income families. Homeowners receive tax breaks based on their individual donations and all documentation is provided by DRN. Habitat for Humanity ReStores sell all donated materials at significant discounts to the public and all proceeds help the organization build more homes.

**About Deconstruction & ReUse Network:**

Deconstruction & ReUse Network is an environmental and humanitarian 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. Deconstruction & ReUse Network currently serves Northern and Southern California with partnerships that benefit Habitat for Humanity and Corazon. [www.Decon-Network.org](http://www.Decon-Network.org) or [www.ReuseNetwork.org](http://www.ReuseNetwork.org)

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