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GRIFFITH PARK HOMEOWNERS CHOOSE TO REUSE & RECYCLE OLD HOME TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW ONE

Salvaged Building Materials get a Second Life & Local Landfills get a Break

Los Angeles, CA – August 26, 2009: [Deconstruction & ReUse Network \(DRN\)](#), an environmental and humanitarian non-profit, is helping local homeowners in Griffith Park with the deconstruction of their home for reuse and recycling. Deconstruction is gaining popularity among property owners and building professionals because it is environmentally practical and, in most cases, provides property owners with significant tax breaks. The scope of the project, which lasts 2 ½ weeks from start to finish, includes the careful dismantling of the 1,800 square-foot home; removing finished materials and salvaging raw materials, such as lumber and stone. By choosing deconstruction over demolition, the majority of this home will be reused and recycled.

DRN president, Lorenz Schilling, estimates that most of this structure will be reusable. “A typical home can yield as much as 85% diversion through reuse and recycling, which for this home equates to about 45 tons of materials that will not be sent to the local landfill, as is often the case with traditional demolition.”

Appliances, light fixtures, plumbing fixtures and other finished items have been donated to [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles' Home Improvement Store](#) (located in Gardena) where they will be reused in construction or sold to the public. Raw building materials will be donated to Corazon, an affordable housing ministry in Baja, where they will be used to build sustainable, affordable housing for low-income families. The homeowners have chosen to reuse all doors and windows in the new home they're building. To view photos please visit: http://reusenetwork.org/rn-gallery/catalog.php?categ_id=6.

About Deconstruction & ReUse Network:

Deconstruction & ReUse 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. Deconstruction & ReUse Network currently serves Northern and Southern California with partnerships that benefit Habitat for Humanity and Corazon. www.Decon-Network.org

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