



Children in Crisis, Inc.
Providing Homes...Establishing Hope.

News From The Children's Neighborhood



The Children's Neighborhood to Open Summer '07

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Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Children in Crisis, Inc. (CIC), recently signed a contract with Speegle Construction, Inc. of Niceville to build the first two homes of The Children's Neighborhood. Mack Gay, President, CIC Board of Directors commented, "Thanks to great support from our community, we will begin construction immediately on the much needed children's emergency shelter and the first group home."

Mack continued, "By the end of next summer, we'll have the capability to help with the severe shortage of foster homes in our community and address the urgent need of an emergency shelter for infants, toddlers and young children. At present, children are being placed in over capacity fos-

ter homes, placed out of their county, moved from foster home to foster home and unfortunately, siblings are frequently separated."

The Children's Neighborhood is being built on a 20 acre site located on Hurlburt Field Road in Ft. Walton Beach. Okaloosa-Walton College is providing the property through a long term low cost lease and has been very supportive to the local non-profit charity.

A Construction Escrow Account has been set up for the group home and a draw procedure has been established with the United Methodist Pensacola District for the construction costs of the Emergency Shelter.

Gulf Power is installing the construction power receptacle and Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Department is installing the water



Left to right: Don David, Kendrick-David-Dowling Architects; Jeff Neidigh, Construction Estimator, Speegle Construction, Inc.; Troy Speegle, Owner & President, Speegle Construction, Inc.; Tom Garner, Business Manager, Speegle Construction, Inc.; Mack Gay, President, CIC Board of Directors; Bill Frey, CIC Construction Committee

supply lines. C. W. Roberts Contracting is finishing the foundation pads for the two homes and the site liability insurance has been upgraded.

In addition to the in-kind donations from C. W. Roberts, Laverne Young Construction and others, donations of construction ma-

terials have been pledged by; USA Ready Mix, Block USA, Keego Clay Products, Building Materials Wholesale, Dothan Metal Supplier, Independent Flooring and many more. Several other donor prospects look favorable.

Sharilyn Darnell, CIC Fundraising Committee Chair and CIC Past President, "We've taken a huge step toward the realization of our vision to provide a residential style housing complex for these disrupted children of our community. This is a community challenge and together, we are finding a solution. However, as we

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Calendar of Events

-  2/17/07 Northwest FL Track Club CIC 5K Charity Run
-  Feb—Mar Change for Children Campaign - North Okaloosa Schools
-  Mar—Apr Change for Children Campaign - South Okaloosa Schools
-  3/5/07 Quarterly CIC Board Meeting 3 p.m.
-  4/13/07 Children's Neighborhood Charity Golf Tournament
-  4/20/07 Destin Charity Wine Auction

CIC Executive Director, Ken Hair

Children in Crisis has received wonderful support to make the first step of our dream a reality. Individual donors, business owners, corporations, foundations, community organizations, the faith community and numerous fundraisers have enabled CIC to move forward in our vision of providing safe, stable and nurturing homes for the abused and neglected children of our community.

The next big step is to secure the funding to feed, clothe and sustain operations of The Children's Neighborhood. There are many ways to help including committing your support to the CIC 1,000 X \$1,000 sustaining campaign. My favorite way to give is through monthly bank draft - you don't miss it but you feel good about supporting the children!

Thanks again and I wish you God's Blessings for a wonderful 2007.

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continue to move forward, we need your help now more than ever."

Sharilyn continued, "There are still naming opportunities available for homes, rooms, furnishings, park benches, etc. in The Children's

Neighborhood. We're also looking for someone to sponsor the naming of the entire Children's Neighborhood!"

Watch for continued reports on the construction progress of The Children's Neighborhood.

...if not you, then who?