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Local Students Creativity Benefits Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity

Mailbox Garden at Sooner Mall a Success

Norman, Oklahoma, May 10, 2011 – The Sooner Mailbox Garden, a partnership between area schools, Sooner Mall and Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity, raised \$270 to help build simple, decent, affordable homes in the community. Nine one-of-a-kind mailboxes were created by local students and sold through an on-line auction. The mailboxes were decorated by elementary, middle school and high school art classes and recently displayed at Sooner Mall. Schools were provided with a simple mailbox and \$50 for supplies and students then put their creativity to work.

McKinley Elementary School raised the highest total for Habitat for Humanity and was awarded a \$500 gift card, courtesy of Sooner Mall. Their mailbox was decorated like the Oklahoma Schooner and is personally autographed by OU Football Coach, Bob Stoops!

The following schools participated in this program: Adams Elementary, Community Christian School, Katherine Daily Elementary, Madison Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Norman High School, Norman North High School, Roosevelt Elementary, and Whittier Middle School

Jana Castleberry, Executive Director of Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity, says, “We appreciate the generosity of Sooner Mall to coordinate this lovely auction on our behalf. Hosting a fundraiser like this in conjunction with the Easter Bunny was a great idea. The kids were very creative with the mailboxes and the mailbox garden looked amazing. The student involvement was particularly meaningful as all fund raised will be used to support our current Women Build, a home being built for a local teacher.”

Calvert Landscaping Company of Norman, Oklahoma donated products and services to help make this program possible.

About Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity’s work is accomplished at the community level by affiliates—independent, locally run, nonprofit organizations. Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity coordinates all aspects of Habitat home building in Cleveland County—fund raising, building site selection, partner family selection and support, house construction, and mortgage servicing. Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity has made the dream of homeownership a reality for over 37 families in Cleveland County.

Sooner Mall is owned and managed by General Growth Properties, one of the nation's largest shopping center owners. General Growth Properties has ownership and management interest in 169 regional and super regional shopping malls in 43 states. The company portfolio totals 174 million square feet of retail space. A publicly-traded real estate investment trust (REIT), GGP is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol GGP.



McKinley Elementary School's Oklahoma Sooners Mailbox