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Successful completion for Home For Learning

SUMMERLAND - Overbuilt!

The Home For Learning project in Summerland, a snug rancher nestled on a hill overlooking the valley, coordinated by Okanagan College and led by award winning builders Homescape Building and Design, was overbuilt in almost every way, using state of the art, quality materials and workmanship.

The home should fetch a healthy sum on the market when it is sold. The net proceeds of the home go towards scholarships and bursaries for students who worked on the home and will be distributed in the form of tuition credits for future years of apprenticeship training at Okanagan College. It will also support the purchase of tools and equipment for trades training in the South Okanagan.

The Home for Learning launch was held at the Georgie Award winning home in February and featured a number of speakers who contributed to, or supported the project.

They included Okanagan College President Jim Hamilton, Okanagan College Foundation Executive Director Kathy Butler, Regional Dean Donna Lomas, Brian Hughes, Okanagan College Board of Directors, and Randy Werger, Associate Dean of Trades and Apprenticeship.

Summerland Mayor David Gregory spoke to the gathering, as did Eric Gerrits of Homescape, Craig Antrobus of TRAC Development, Brian Celli, Assistant Superintendent of

School District 67, and Nancy Darling of Okanagan College, who spent countless hours on the project.

Projects like Home For Learning are not successful without the generosity of suppliers.

Eric Gerrits of Homescape is pleased that the building is so "overbuilt", which makes it energy efficient. The window package alone was \$25,000.

NuFloors in Penticton donated Shaw company flooring - carpet that is 100 per cent recyclable and a special engineered walnut hardwood floor has its substraat (backing) made of recycled newspapers.

The Whillis Group of Companies and their rep Alix MacDonald donated the Corian countertop, while Dino at BCP made an additional contribution of all of the lighting fixtures.

Two businesses that contributed significantly to the project are Refrigerative Supply of Kelowna, and Fehling's Sheet Metal Ltd. of Penticton, who combined to donate a York "Affinity" High Efficiency Heat Pump, York High Efficiency Air Handler with electric heat and Evaporator Coil and Thermostat for the training house.

"Fehling's Sheet Metal Ltd. is a privately held, locally owned business," notes Dale Hansen. "We supply and install energy efficient heating, cooling and HRV systems and custom sheet metal, principally in the South Okanagan area."

Mark Nicholls notes that Refrigerative Supply is "an independently owned company with 12 branches throughout

Western Canada. We are a wholesale company that supplies HVAC-R (heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration and for the residential side we are the distributor for YORK Heating and Cooling."

Nicholls adds "We learned of the Summerland project through Fehling's Sheet Metal Ltd (York Dealer) and wanted to be involved. Refrigerative Supply strongly believes in giving back to the community in conjunction with our customers.

Other suppliers included All Weather Windows, Beaver Home Improvements, Plasti-Fab-EPS Product Solutions (the Advantage ICF System - Insulating Concrete Forming System), Tim-BR-Mart, SRM Concrete, Prospera Credit Union, Convoy Supply, Kettle River Kitchens, BC Plumbing - Robinson Lighting & Bath Centre, Bob McAdam Electric, Bob Waldern Plumbing, Built Green BC, Cloverdale Paints, Creative Door Services, Ene-ready Products Ltd., Gescan Electrical Supply, Tru Truss, Wayne O'Bee Drywall, Arco Concrete Pumping, Basalite Concrete Products, Century Aluminum, District of Summerland, Duradeck, Fortis BC, Home Owner Protection Office, Summerland Excavation, Suncastle Designs Ltd., Superseal Construction Products Ltd., Zasey-bida Bonga, Coast Wholesale Appliances, ACE IT, Canadian Home Builders' Association of South Okanagan, Fab-Form Industries, and Kaycan Ltd.