

## **ANAHEIM DUCKS TEAM WITH WINDSTAR COMMUNITIES AS PARTICIPANTS IN HOMEAID'S PROJECT PLAYHOUSE**

*The Ducks and Windstar Communities are First-Time Participants Creating a 'Power Playhouse' to be Displayed at Fashion Island and Auctioned on Oct. 13*

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** – The Anaheim Ducks announced today that the club has joined forces with Windstar Communities of La Jolla in creating their first-ever entry into HomeAid's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Playhouse presented by the Children and Families of Orange County. The dwelling has been appropriately titled the *Power Playhouse* and will be on display to the public at Fashion Island beginning on Saturday, Sept. 8 with preview days scheduled for Sept. 6 and 7. Project Playhouse debuted in 1991 at Fashion Island and has raised over \$4.5 million for Home Aid Orange County over its 16-year history.

The Anaheim Ducks *Power Playhouse* replicates the exterior of Honda Center, with the interior mirroring the Ducks locker room. Locker stalls filled with hockey equipment and Anaheim Ducks memorabilia adorn the walls of the playhouse with a 23" LCD screen as the main attraction. Complete with a DVD player, children will be able to sit in the locker room and play NHL 2K7 on a XBOX 360. The walls of the playhouse will resonate in a similar fashion as a Ducks game Honda Center, as the building has been outfitted with a surround-sound speaker system. Kids can also play air hockey in the locker room or relax on the sofa with friends. In addition, just outside the playhouse a mini-rink featuring a skid surface will be set up so that future NHL players can hone their skills.

Media are invited and encouraged to preview the *Power Playhouse* as well as the seven other playhouses beginning on Thursday, Sept. 6. Fashion Island's courtyard will begin the transformation into a fantasy village for children over the next two days by Orange County's premium homebuilders, architects, trade groups and volunteers. On Saturday, Sept. 8, thousands of children and their families will have the one-time opportunity to tour the inside of the playhouses on Opening Day, taking place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The playhouses will continue their display at Fashion Island for a month.

HomeAid's Project Playhouse will culminate on Saturday, Oct. 13 with a live public auction at Fashion Island. Six playhouses will go to the highest bidder, while two playhouses will be part of an opportunity drawing raffle. All funds raised from the live auction will directly benefit HomeAid Orange County. HomeAid Orange County is the founding chapter of HomeAid America and is dedicated to building and renovating shelters for the transitionally homeless in Orange County. To date the organization has completed over 40 shelters for a wide variety of needs including victims of domestic violence, foster children and HIV positive adults.

For more information, please go to [www.projectplayhouse.org](http://www.projectplayhouse.org) and [www.homeaidoc.org](http://www.homeaidoc.org)