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AIA Denver Design-Build Competition for Habitat for Humanity of Colorado

AIA Denver partnered with CAD-1, Inc., to administer a design-build competition for Habitat for Humanity of Colorado. The local Habitat for Humanity affiliate selected to participate in this first design-build competition is Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity (Kittredge, Colo.).

In 2011, 11 teams of AIA Colorado members designed homes, and the winning design solution by Margaret Baldwin Blakley, AIA; Alan Ford, AIA; Kathy Ford, AIA; and Matt Weaver, Assoc. AIA; was selected on Friday, Nov. 4. The construction of the home, located in Kittredge, Colo., will be completed in 2012 by volunteers. AIA Denver is fundraising to complete construction of the home, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

About the Homeowner:

Hazzell was abandoned at age four and grew up in foster and group homes. She has always worked hard as an adult, but when she got pregnant and decided to leave a toxic relationship a women's shelter assisted her until Titus was born. She still volunteers there, giving back to those who helped her in such a time of need. Currently, Hazzell and Titus live in a too-small cabin, and she works several jobs to support her son. She runs the snack bar at a local country club in the summer, does Spanish translation, cleans homes and sells her homemade salsa. She says she feels so blessed that she found Habitat for Humanity as she has always longed for a home and stability, especially now that she has her "miracle child." More than anything, she wants to raise Titus "in a stable, warm atmosphere so that he has a bright future and grows into a healthy, successful man." She feels she has been on a long journey to find home and stability and Habitat and AIA Denver are making that possible.

Project Goals:

1. To make sustainable design and building practices available to "the other 90%," and demonstrate that sustainability is not a luxury.
2. To enable multiple organizations, AIA Colorado and Habitat for Humanity, to form a partnership for the greater good in hopes that other similar partnerships can form.
3. To create a sustainable benchmark for Habitat for Humanity of Colorado and Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity.
4. To highlight the value of architects in the community.
5. To promote the architecture profession and the value of AIA architects in the community.

For more information, visit www.aiadenverdesignbuild.com.

Helpful Links:

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[Habitat for Humanity of Colorado](#)

[Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity](#)