



De Young Breaks Ground on 5th Annual Central Valley St. Jude's *Dream Home*[®]

Major donor and builder, De Young Properties, broke ground in August on the new St. Jude *Dream Home*[®] to be given away in spring 2009.

Construction is underway by De Young Properties on the 5th Annual Central Valley St. Jude *Dream Home*[®] which will be given away in spring 2009. The 2,324 sq. ft De Young home at the Brentwood Loma Vista community in Clovis will be offered as the first place prize in the hope to raise funds to help the kids of St. Jude's fight cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

One hundred percent of the proceeds are donated to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital which works around the clock to develop cures to save the lives of boys and girls, including children in the San Joaquin Valley. In 2007, the combined efforts of De Young Properties and other partners of the 2007 St. Jude *Dream Home* Giveaway raised \$1,003,545 for St. Jude. Organizers hope to set an even higher bar this time and raise \$1,200,000.

Paula De Young, an owner of De Young Properties, said, "We became involved because we can help children everywhere, but also because we can change the life of a local family by giving them a new home."

Nestled in De Young's Brentwood Loma Vista community at Shaw and De Wolf Avenues in Clovis, California, the St. Jude *Dream Home* offers four bedrooms, two and a half baths and a three car garage. The dreams of the winning family will come true with the home's long list of special features, including a stone-accented Provence elevation, imported granite counters, handcrafted alder kitchen cabinets, two fireplaces and premium-grade tile floors. The home also includes stainless steel General Electric *Profile* appliances, the bold look of Kohler plumbing fixtures, interior walls pre-plumbed for Home Defense Pest Control System and landscaping in the front and back yards, an energy recovery ventilation system, a tankless water heating system and dual-pane glazed windows for energy efficiency.

"Even beyond the chance of winning this wonderful home, our entire community can rally behind this great cause to support St. Jude's," said De Young. "No child is ever turned away because they don't have money, which is why the support of our community is critical. St. Jude covers all expenses. When a family from our community has a child treated by St. Jude's, all the day-to-day details are taken care of so they can focus on their child."

Raffle tickets to win the St. Jude *Dream Home* and other prizes will go on sale in the spring with winner announced on KMPH Fox 26. Only 12,000 tickets will be sold with the hope of raising \$1,200,000. For more information about the St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway, call 1(800) 543-5887 or www.stjudedreamhome.org. To learn more about De young Properties, call (559) 323-6004 or visit deyoungproperties.com.