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Allegro Builders Donates Playhouse to Lupus Foundation

Local custom builder gives “dream playhouse” for children in silent auction

HOUSTON (OCTOBER 6, 2004) – Houston-based Allegro Builders helped raise more than \$85,000 for the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the Lupus Foundation during a charity auction at the River Oaks Country Club October 2, 2004.

On the auction table? A gorgeous custom-designed child’s playhouse from Houston’s leading Inner Loop custom homebuilder.

“It’s a very unique original design,” says Allegro’s founder, Lambert Arceneaux. “Not only are we offering an incredible gift for a child, we’re contributing to an important foundation.”

John Fain of Medical Brace and Limb Corporation won the playhouse, an \$8,000.00 fair market value. “Friends of mine have suffered from Lupus,” says Fain, “and I want to help. I’m in the business of providing medical services, but I can’t solve diseases – so I know that contributing to the Lupus Foundation helps patients and fights the disease in ways I can’t by myself. The playhouse was the perfect gift, and we’re going to ask Allegro to build it out at a family farm for all the kids – the nephews and nieces – so as many people as possible can enjoy it.”

The dream playhouse will contain approximately 70 square feet with a high ceiling, Hardi-siding, wood windows, wood floors, and a covered front porch. The person with the winning bid gets to choose the paint colors.

“As a community partner, Allegro Builders is a good friend to the Lupus Foundation and the people of Houston,” says Darla Lexington, major underwriter for the Lupus Foundation. “Their investment in our lives is invaluable.”

For a custom homebuilder like Allegro, designing a historic-looking playhouse with period-style details was easy. “We scaled down our normal houses, but kept all the design elements that have

made our real homes acclaimed by so many people,” says Arceneaux. “It’s the most well-designed 70 square foot house you’ll ever find – and it’s already off the market!”

Allegro Builders has a signature building process for their homes. Arceneaux says they “adapted” the normal procedures for the child’s playhouse. “The house looks like two stories on the outside,” says Arceneaux, “but really it’s only tall enough for the kids. And we skipped the construction stage where we usually put in the surround-sound speakers and Internet wiring.”

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This year marked the 3rd annual Houston-area gala benefiting the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the national Lupus Foundation. More than 30,000 people in the Houston service area have been diagnosed with Lupus, an autoimmune disease. The Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the Lupus Foundation serves 44 counties around Houston and El Paso. For more information, please visit: www.lupustexas.org.

Allegro Builders is a rapidly growing, privately held, single-family homebuilder that specializes in the development of \$500,000 to \$2 million period and custom homes. With revenues doubling every year for the past four years, Allegro constructs distinctive custom and spec homes that blend in and compliment streetscapes while preserving the history and architectural styles of Houston’s most established Inner Loop neighborhoods. For more information, please visit: www.allegrobuiders.com.