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Laing Luxury Homes Donations Accomplish Much For Friendship Shelter, Inc.

Laguna Beach, Calif., May 19, 2006 -- **Laing Luxury Homes**, a division of **John Laing Homes**, gave \$25,000 to **Friendship Shelter, Inc.**, a homeless shelter for Orange County unaccompanied adults based in Laguna Beach, to support its fledgling development department. The funds donated by Laing Luxury Homes will be matched one hundred percent by **The Weingart Foundation** as a result of a two-year challenge grant.

Laing Luxury Homes also gave Friendship Shelter \$25,000 to help refurbish its resident kitchen in 2005, a major project that was recently completed with the help of Laing's team of professional builders and sub-contractors. **Capital Group Companies**, **City of Laguna Beach** and **Laguna Beach Rotary Club** also contributed funds for the kitchen remodel.

Founded in 1988, Friendship Shelter provides housing, a variety of support services, and a comprehensive rehabilitation program to homeless adults from throughout Orange County. It is the only year-round emergency shelter in south Orange County for homeless unaccompanied adults. New volunteers are always welcome; for more information about Friendship Shelter and ways to become involved, contact Development Director Jennifer Miller at (949) 494-6928 or www.friendshipshelter.org

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