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HISTORICAL GROUNDBREAKING OPENS NEW CHAPTER IN NATIONAL HOME HISTORY

Eaton Rapids, Mich.—Under the sparkling sun of a September morning, the VFW National Home for Children “dug into” a historic new undertaking. Ground was broken on the first new residential construction in 40 years. The 2400-square-foot duplex will be built and sponsored by the United Auto Workers National Veterans Affairs Department.

The new home, scheduled for completion by spring 2006, will house two single parent families in the program with a current waiting list of 25 families. It will feature three bedrooms and two bathrooms in a space manageable in size for single parents working to improve their lives and achieve independence. Fundraising for the project has exceeded \$250,000 to date, including cash and in-kind donations. The partnership is the first non-VFW or Ladies Auxiliary sponsored building on campus.

The National Home was honored to host an impressive group of national leaders for the event. Board President John E. Hamilton, Executive Director Patrice Green and Buddy Poppy Girl Jacklynn Dickerson represented the National Home. VFW Commander in Chief James Mueller and Ladies Auxiliary National President Sandy Germany represented the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary. International President Ron Gettelfinger and Vice President and Director, National Veterans Affairs Department Cal Rapson represented the International United Auto Workers. The group wielded three shovels for the ceremonial groundbreaking at the north campus building site.

You can see groundbreaking photos by logging onto the National Home’s online Newsroom at www.vfwnationalhome.org/newsroom/index.html. A new page will be posted on the Web site soon to detail each step towards this historic new home for the children and families of our nation’s veterans.

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has been providing for the children and families of our nation’s veterans, while at the same time serving as a living memorial to our nation’s heroes. For more information on the National Home, please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit www.vfwnationalhome.org.

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