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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**LOCAL HOME BUILDER GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

*Dewhurst & Associates Contributes Voluntary Construction at a La Jolla Elementary School*

**SAN DIEGO, March 4, 2008** – Dewhurst & Associates, a family-based custom home builder, recently donated 150 labor hours and materials to Bird Rock Elementary School in La Jolla. The team was called to action when Dave Dewhurst, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Dewhurst and Associates was working with a family whose daughter attends Bird Rock Elementary. From his interaction with the family, he heard about the trouble the school was having with their exterior flooring. The school was planning on cutting back on educational programs to pay for this project, but when Dave found out that information, he saw an opportunity to help.

Dewhurst & Associates installed rubber mats to diminish the intensity of the sound and heat that the metal floors were emitting. As San Diego's oldest and most trustworthy custom builder, Dewhurst & Associates is committed to giving back to their community through volunteer projects, donations and sponsoring local events.

Bird Rock Elementary School was able to utilize the funds that they would have spent on mat installation on their cultural arts program, teacher mini-grants and character education programs. "We thoroughly enjoy any opportunity to service our community. There is nothing more important than a child's education, and it is an honor to be able to contribute to their learning," commented Dave Dewhurst.

**About Bird Rock Elementary**

Bird Rock Elementary School actively supports learning and creates opportunities for academic achievement and personal responsibility for all students through a standards-based curriculum that challenges students to rise to their highest potential through inquiry, discovery and collaboration. Their staff, students, parents, and the neighborhood community, strive toward the common goal of academic success and social and the emotional well being of every student.

*Designing and building quality, custom homes in the La Jolla area has been Dewhurst & Associates' specialty since 1929. La Jolla's largest and oldest construction company, Dewhurst & Associates is a family-owned and operated design/build firm serving the greater San Diego area and surrounding communities. Today, 79 years after Ernest Dewhurst came to La Jolla, his grandson, Don, and great-grandchildren, Dave, Donna and Doug, continue to maintain the integrity, quality of service and workmanship that he established in the construction of custom homes. For more information about Dewhurst & Associates, visit their website at [www.dewhurst.com](http://www.dewhurst.com).*

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