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Destiny USA Donates Marble to Syracuse Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Syracuse, New York -- Destiny USA today announced it is donating to the Syracuse Habitat for Humanity Restore approximately 110 pieces of marble squares removed from the Carousel Center during recent demolition efforts on the construction site. The marble pieces are approximately 38" x 18" x 3" and have an estimated collective value of approximately \$55,000. The Syracuse based Restore salvages used building materials for resale and the proceeds are used to support the local efforts of Syracuse Habitat for Humanity. Donating to the ReStore is an excellent way to give something back to the Syracuse community and prevent valuable products from going to area landfills.

"Destiny USA has a firm commitment to uphold the highest standards for Green Building" stated Robert Congel. "When the result of our green initiatives creates an opportunity to give something back to the local community, we all win."

"Syracuse Habitat provides a 'hand up not a hand out for its beneficiaries'," said Suzanne Williams the Executive Director of Syracuse Habitat for Humanity (SHFH), "Destiny's generous donation to the ReStore helps SHFH help itself. SHFH is proud of the fact that it is not a charity, we don't give anything away. Our homeowners put 300 hours of sweat equity into their homes, they put down \$500.00 in earnest money and they pay SHFH a zero interest mortgage for 20 years. SHFH is building 100 % energy efficient homes and recycling tons of building materials while helping to rebuild the Near Westside, everyone wins."

In a kind gesture to lend a helping hand and become involved locally, Cianbro Corporation will donate their manpower and equipment along with Riccelli Trucking who is donating their trucking services to move the 110 marble pieces from the Carousel Center site and deliver them to the Restore on Otisco Street in Syracuse. Cianbro is the construction management firm overseeing Destiny USA's 1.3 million square foot first phase.

Brian Watson, Cianbro's Project Manager stated "Cianbro is proud and honored to be able to assist in this worthwhile endeavor, it's a great cause."

Destiny USA has made a conscious decision to set a new standard in the construction waste management process that will inspire other projects to keep construction debris from going to landfills and reuse valuable resources like this marble that might have otherwise been destroyed and discarded during the construction demolition process. Destiny USA has established several ways to reuse and recycle the construction debris from the current expansion site. For example, wood debris will be processed and transformed into mulch which will be reused on site for landscaping. Cardboard will be broken down and sold as a fiber source in the region and PVC will be recycled and made into plastic shipping pallets. By meeting the projects 95% diversion from landfill goals, Destiny USA will qualify for exemplary performance in Construction Waste Management within the USGBC's LEED certification program.

Destiny USA will deliver the marble to the Restore on Friday, February 22, 2008
Location: 308 Otisco Street, Syracuse, NY 13204
Telephone: 315.422.2230
Time: 10:00 am

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