



For Immediate Release

December 7, 2007

Contact: Tim Martinez (209) 629-0006

Local Artist Completes Mural for Villa Montecito

(Stockton, CA) Visionary Home Builders is pleased to announce that local artist Maggie Lujan has just completed her mural for Villa Montecito. The mural features children playing and is the centerpiece for the Community Center's Head Start room. Villa Montecito is the newest affordable housing development by Visionary Home Builders.

This is the fourth mural that Lujan has done for a Visionary Home Builders complex. "Murals make a child's life and environment so much better," said Lujan. "I am thrilled that my artwork creates a positive atmosphere for the children who will see it everyday." Lujan, who attended Lincoln High School, Delta College and UC Davis (where she majored in Graphic and Interior Design), spent over 230 hours working on this particular mural. Her main focus is painting "Still Life" but also creates murals in the bedrooms of family and friends for their young children. "The first time I saw her work at the Children's Home Garden Faire made such an impression on me that I knew we should have her artwork in all of our community centers," stated Carol Ornelas, President/CEO of VHB.

Villa Montecito is the latest Visionary Home Builders project that has 68 units mixed with 2, 3, and 4 bedroom units. It is a Mediterranean-style community that has an on-site Head Start facility (day care), a community room for tenant meetings and community events, a playground, basketball court and contains energy efficient appliances with eco-friendly features not found in many affordable housing facilities.

Visionary Home Builders of California, is a nonprofit housing developer and housing counseling agency based in Stockton, California. It is the leading agency of its kind in the area, having developed 900 multi-family units and 300 single-family homes equating to over \$150 million dollars of affordable housing in its communities. In addition to development, Visionary Home Builders has counseled over 2000 families through credit counseling, budget counseling, and homebuyers education classes. Under the former name ACLC, Visionary Home Builders received the national "Best Rural/Farm Worker Project" award from Affordable Housing Finance Magazine for its Valle del Sol development in Stockton. For more information contact the office at (209) 466-6811 or visit the website at www.visionaryhomebuilders.org. For more information on Maggie Lujan please call 209-952-7304.

###

1917 Country Club Boulevard, Stockton, California 95204
(209) 629-0006