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**BLACK & DECKER HARDWARE AND HOME IMPROVEMENT GROUP
DONATES TO FREDDIE MAC FOUNDATION FAMILY HOME**

New "Doorways for Women and Families" Shelter Saves Over \$10,000 with Charitable Contribution of K2 Commercial Hardware

Lake Forest, Calif. (November 7, 2007) – Black & Decker Hardware and Home Improvement Group (BDHHI) has donated approximately 72 pieces of K2 Commercial Hardware to the new *Doorways for Women and Families'* Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home rebuild project. BDHHI supplied more than \$8,000 of door hardware to the project's general contractor NVHomes, one of Northern Virginia's largest and most reputable area homebuilders. By not adding any handling costs, NVHomes also saved *Doorways for Women and Families* at least an additional \$2,000.

Since 1979, *Doorways for Women and Families* has helped thousands of domestic abuse victims and homeless families in Arlington, Virginia. The charitable organization provides a 24/7 hotline, hours of individual and group counseling, and nearly 10,000 nights of shelter annually. In 2006, *Doorways for Women and Families* had to turn away 1,361 individuals seeking temporary shelter. To solve that issue, a two-story (three level), 7,200-square-foot dormitory building was constructed to substantially increase bed space for women and families experiencing the crisis of homelessness and help them achieve housing stability and self-sufficiency.

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“We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Black & Decker Hardware and Home Improvement and NVHomes for the donation of K2 commercial grade hardware for the *Doorways for Women and Families*’ new Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home,” said Linda Dunphy, MSW, Executive Director. “This hardware donation saved a substantial amount of money, ensured the security and functionality of the shelter, and helped provide an attractive, homelike atmosphere for those women and children in need.”

K2 commercial products are a collection of stylish industrial door hardware solutions that include cylindrical and tubular levers, deadbolts, door closers, and exit devices. K2 products create cost-effective solutions for commercial property access and security, and are available in coordinating styles and an array of finishes and functions that provide the commercial market a total operating solution.

Each K2 product includes a lifetime mechanical warranty as well as a three-year finish warranty and can be purchased through a local K2 distributor. Further information regarding wholesale distribution can be found on the company’s website, www.K2commercialhardware.com. The newly designed site includes interactive installation instructions and online training, web-based project management, a product compatibility search option, and complete customer service center. The site also offers bid submissions, project specs, and customer login features to personalize the site’s content for each user’s individual needs and interests.

Black & Decker Hardware and Home Improvement (BDHHI) Group is a division of Black & Decker, the world’s largest producer of power tools, power tool accessories and security hardware. Today, the BDDHI Group includes some of the most recognizable hardware and home improvement brands in the world including Kwikset®, Weiser Lock®, Baldwin®, Price Pfister® and K2™ Commercial Hardware by Black & Decker.