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SALVATION ARMY TO GET TINY HOUSE BUILT AT EXPO, PLANS AUCTION

TUSCALOOSA, AL, October 12, 2015--The inaugural Worlds of Work expo was held on Thursday and Friday, October 8-9, at Shelton State Community College. It engaged over 4,000 eighth graders and hundreds of high schoolers from seven counties.

Together with West Alabama Works, The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama set out to help students understand workforce opportunities in our region. It worked--the event was a success!

The tiny house built in the “Construction World” at the expo will be donated to the Salvation Army at a press conference tomorrow, Tuesday, October 13 at 2p.m. at Shelton State Community College’s Martin Campus, 9500 Old Greensboro Road in Tuscaloosa.

The Salvation Army plans to move the tiny house to its headquarters at 1601 University Boulevard in Tuscaloosa this week, where potential buyers can see it and get information on buying it. Information will also be posted online at www.salvationarmyalm.org/tuscaloosa/center-hope. Proceeds will go toward rebuilding a shelter at 2900 Greensboro Avenue. Prospective buyers should contact Ken Swindle at 205-361-4938.

More on the WOW Expo Tiny House Project & Donation from Harrison Construction

When J.T. Harrison Construction Co., Inc. joined the West Alabama WOW Career Expo planning team, we immediately began brainstorming ideas for activities that we could incorporate into our Construction World that were both interactive and engaging for the students. Almost immediately, company President, Tim Harrison, mentioned his interest in constructing a tiny house. He wanted to begin construction on day one of the expo, and reach completion by the end of day two. The idea of the tiny house would be for students to have an opportunity to experience each of the trades that make up the construction industry, and how they work
together to complete a process. Additionally, students would have an opportunity to participate in that process (i.e. hammering nails, placing exterior stone, painting, etc.).

Harrison Construction is a locally based, commercial contractor, and the WOW Expo Tiny House is the first to be built by our company. There were a number of local businesses that participated in the tiny house construction through either material donations and/or labor donations. Those companies include: Acme Brick, Bambarger Wrecker Service, Inc., Brion Hardin Construction Co., Inc., Deason, Inc., Harper Chambers Lumber Company, Inc., Level Masonry, Livingston Cabinets, Lucy Design Associates, The Paint Spot, Premier Service Company, Inc., Price McGiffert Construction Co., Inc., Saginaw, Turner Plumbing Inc., West Alabama Commercial Industries, LLC, and Winfield Equipment Rentals.

The tiny house is 160 square feet. It has a bathroom, a kitchen, and a multi-functional living room designed for a pull out sofa. There is dark oak laminate flooring throughout the space. Other interior design features include a custom made barn door, wooden accent wall and backsplash, and rustic electrical fixtures. Exterior features include stone, wood siding, and corrugated metal.

From the very beginning, we knew we wanted the tiny house to be donated to a local organization or charity. A number of options were considered, and ultimately our organization agreed that The Salvation Army would be a prime candidate for our donation. Our community has been impacted significantly by the Tuscaloosa Center of Hope, and the work they are doing in our area. Harrison Construction, and the rest of the tiny house team, appreciates their humbleness and dedication, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to be able to give them something back in return.