



For Immediate Release

February 3, 2020

Contact: Mari Krashowetz, 435-674-1400

Email: mari@suhba.com

**Washington County High School Students Build Home
Featured in Upcoming St. George Area Parade of Homes**

Experience what “Working Together to Build a Better Community” really means at the *St. George Area Parade of Homes, February 14-23, 2020!* Come see a beautiful, newly constructed home built by Washington County High School Students. To address the labor shortage and inspire our future building professionals, the Southern Utah Home Builders Association (SUHBA) and the Washington County School District (WCSD) partnered together to teach students about construction careers and learn hands-on, real-life construction technology skills by constructing an actual home. This home will be sold to a school district employee in support of this program and workforce housing.

Under the direction of Justin Wanlass, General Building Contractor/Teacher and local subcontractors, students worked on many stages of the home construction process including excavation, concrete, framing, electrical, plumbing, drywall, painting, finish work, flooring, tile, built a block wall, and landscaping. “These students worked hard throughout the entire project and I have been impressed with their outstanding craftsmanship and skills. Some students learned important trade skills, became an intern through the WCSD intern program, and now earning good money because of this program,” said Justin Wanlass.

“We have been working on this partnership for several years to inspire students to look at the excellent construction career opportunities,” said Mari Krashowetz, Executive Officer, SUHBA. “The students are learning skills for possible future employment and these skills can help them throughout their life. We could not be happier with the students and the quality workmanship of this home, and very appreciative to all the SUHBA subcontractors and professionals for taking the time to guide and work with the students.”

Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE), Dave Gardner, stated, “This important program will continue and expand as more students participate. The second home has started, and we have additional lots available. High school students are encouraged to enroll at their school to participate in this program.”

Students and the public are welcome to see first-hand this parade-quality home. It will be part of the St. George Area Parade of Homes, February 14-23rd, open daily from 10 am – 7 pm (closes at 5 pm on 23rd). No Parade of Homes ticket is required to see this home. For more information, visit www.ParadeHomes.com. As an extra incentive to visit the WCSD home, anyone 10th grade or older can enter at the home to win a LG 4k Smart TV provided by Blvd Home! See entry form for more information.

The St. George Area Parade of Homes, celebrating 30 years will begin February 14 - 23, 2020 with homes open 10am-7pm daily (closes at 5 pm on 23rd). Tickets are now available on-line at www.ParadeHomes.com. For questions, contact the Southern Utah Home Builders Association at 435-674-1400.

Southern Utah Home Builders Association (SUHBA) Mission Statement:

“Our Mission is to support the home building industry and benefit its members, partners, and communities through education, relationships, advocacy, and service.”

