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RECA's Annual "Christmas in October" Project to Benefit Sammy's House
RECA Volunteers Will Completely Renovate Classrooms and Outdoor Spaces

(AUSTIN – October 18, 2016) – More than 100 volunteers from the Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA) will convene at Sammy's House this Saturday, October 22, to redesign and renovate the organization's classrooms and exterior spaces. You can watch a video to learn more about Sammy's House and their mission [here](#).

For more than six months, RECA's young professional group, the Leadership Development Council (LDC), has worked with RECA's Christmas in October Committee to develop detailed renovation plans, fundraise and gather the necessary tools and machinery for the big day.

Sammy's House is a nonprofit organization that provides services for children who are medically fragile or developmentally delayed. RECA's hope is that Saturday's improvements will help create a safe and healthy living environment for the children to spend quality time with their family and friends.

"The immediate and meaningful impact RECA is having on this community through RECA's LDC class and Christmas in October Committee makes me immensely proud of this organization," said Christmas in October Committee Co-chair Chico Parker. "RECA's LDC class has exerted a herculean effort thus far with this worthwhile endeavor, but they still need additional support in the form of volunteers or cash donations for the big event on October 22."

Since 1991, RECA's Christmas in October project has served local community groups in need, contributing more than \$2 million in cash and in-kind donations during the process.

This year's volunteer event will take place from 8:00 a.m. through noon at Sammy's House, located at 2415 Twin Oaks Drive, Austin, TX, 78757. District 7 City Council Member Leslie Pool is tentatively scheduled to stop by and visit the project site. If you would like to attend or arrange a story beforehand, please contact Ryan Poulos at (512) 320-4151 or ryan.poulos@reca.org.

The Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA) addresses issues affecting the commercial real estate community in Central Texas. With more than 1,900 members, the non-profit, advocacy organization represents a broad spectrum of the Central Texas economy, ranging from landowners and developers to the various service professions that facilitate the industry. Commercial real estate development brings new jobs to Central Texas while protecting existing jobs and increasing tax revenue, which is used to fund our public schools, city services, infrastructure and parks.

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