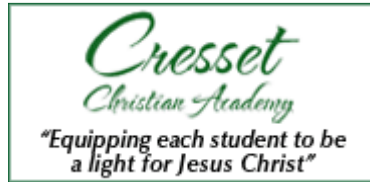


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DURHAM -- The Home Builders Association of Durham, Orange & Chatham Counties will host its 19th annual Parade of Playhomes to raise money for Prevention of Child Abuse.

The fundraiser will take place April 1 through May 6 at the American Tobacco Campus, where the playhomes will be on display.

A total of four playhomes -- one each built by Beazer Homes, McNeill Burbank Homes and Toll Brothers, the fourth by students at Southern High School -- will be on display.

Three playhomes will be raffled off and one playhome will be auctioned at www.paradeofplayhomes.org online.

All proceeds owill be used in family outreach programs to prevent child abuse in our communities.

Raffle tickets will be sold at multiple locations in the Durham, Orange and Chatham counties -- visit www.paradeofplayhomes.org for locations, dates and times. Tickets are \$3 each (or 2 for \$5) and are also available at www.paradeofplayhomes.org online.

The winners will be drawn at 6 p.m. May 6 at American Tobacco. The winner does not need to be present to win.

"The Exchange Clubs' Family Center of Durham sincerely appreciates the tremendous support that the Parade of Playhomes brings in helping us prevent child abuse in our community," said the Exchange Family Center of Durham's Margaret Zealy. "WThe Parade of Playhomes helps us in our efforts to ensure parents have access to the free confidential services we offer; including in-home counseling, community resources, parent education and other family support for parents of children birth to 17 years of age."

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