



## **Sierra Pacific Industries Gives \$1 Million to Help Build One SAFE Place's New Shelter – The Sierra House**

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*Anderson, CA* – Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) announced today that the Sierra Pacific Foundation will give a total of \$1 million over the next five years toward the development of a new facility for One SAFE Place in Redding, CA. The new shelter, named the Sierra House, will more than double One SAFE Place's current capabilities for helping victims of domestic and sexual abuse, and will accept women, men and their children.

Noting that SPI's gift is only one-fifth of the total funding needed to build a new shelter, SP Foundation President, Carolyn Emmerson Dietz stated "We are pleased to partner with this tremendous organization. Our gift is a challenge to the community to support One SAFE Place's ambitious undertaking to build a shelter that meets the needs of our community," she added. "Sadly, the need for help in Shasta County has outgrown the organization's current home, and more space is needed to allow victims of abuse to find refuge," she went on to say.

The mission of One SAFE Place is to provide intervention and safety to a community affected by domestic and sexual abuse. One SAFE Place partners with more than 50 local organizations to provide emergency shelter, legal assistance, prevention education, counseling and other needed support for victims and their families in Shasta County. The new shelter will provide each family with a private bedroom and

bathroom whereas the old shelter required families to share space with 8-10 other women and children.

“We have a unique opportunity to create a model for victim care and prevention of domestic violence that can be implemented with success in Shasta County, the state of California and even on a national level,” said Jean King, One SAFE Place Executive Director. “This amazing gift will serve as the catalyst for our fundraising, and we are excited to partner with Sierra Pacific and challenge the community to join the campaign and get involved.”

Sierra Pacific Industries is a third-generation family-owned forest products company based in Anderson, California. The firm owns and manages nearly 1.9 million acres of timberland in California and Washington and is the second largest lumber producer in the United States. Sierra Pacific Industries is committed to managing its lands in a responsible and sustainable manner to protect the environment, while providing quality wood products and renewable power for consumers.

The Sierra Pacific Foundation makes contributions to worthwhile non-profit organizations and projects in the communities where SPI operates and grants scholarships to children of Sierra Pacific Industries' employees. In 2013, the 34th consecutive year that the Foundation has granted such scholarships, a total of \$518,542 was awarded to 203 students. The Foundation also assists numerous youth educational and sports activities.

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