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### **At-Risk Youth Open Door to New WiseSize Home for Redmond Family**

BEND, Ore. August 21, 2013– A local family will move into the home of their dreams thanks to the nonprofit group First Story, the YouthBuild program and local builder Hayden Homes. Toby Borden and his family will get the keys to their new WiseSize home on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. The home is located at 3275 SW Peridot Way in Redmond.

“This project was particularly special as at-risk young adults from the local YouthBuild program helped build the home,” said Claire Duncan, Executive Director of First Story. “To see these young adults who had almost given up get their diploma and take pride in something that is a result of their hard work is so rewarding.”

To qualify for the First Story home, the Borden’s went through a comprehensive interview and assessment process and were required to meet certain income guidelines. The Borden’s will purchase the home through a zero down payment and a zero interest 30-year home loan from First Story.

“Thank you” was all Tina Borden could say before she was overcome with emotion at the wall raising ceremony for the home in April. Her daughter, Chloe age 9, told the crowd of 100 guests, “This is my favorite day of the year”.

“Every family needs stability and it starts with quality housing,” said First Story Founder and CEO of Hayden Homes, Hayden Watson. “We don’t just build homes. We build hope; for the Borden’s and for all of these inspiring young adults in the YouthBuild Program.”

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**TIME:** 11:30am to 1:00pm  
**LOCATION:** 3275 SW Peridot Way, Redmond, OR 97756  
**ADDITIONAL:** Photo opportunities will be available on site

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#### **About First Story**

In 1998, builder Hayden Homes had a vision: to change lives through home ownership. That vision developed into First Story, a 501(c)(3) public non-profit, which is celebrating 15 years of service in 2013. First Story has served over 10,000 families through home construction, homeownership opportunities and community giving. Its mission is to promote giving and inspire communities through the creation of home ownership opportunities and financial support. For more information visit: [www.FirstStory.org](http://www.FirstStory.org)

**About YouthBuild**

Heart of Oregon Corps is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission to empower and inspire positive change in the lives of young people through jobs, education and stewardship. Founded in 2000, Heart of Oregon Corps provides “work, learn, and earn” opportunities for low-income, at-risk central Oregon youth of all abilities and ethnicities through its YouthBuild program.

**About WiseSize Homes**

WiseSize Homes is an off-shoot of Hayden Homes, an Oregon based homebuilder founded in Redmond who has built and sold 8,000+ homes in the Northwest since 1989. Its vision is to provide intelligent homes that emphasize quality of life over brute square footage. The company sells three kit home models ranging from 380 sq. ft to 1048 sq. ft. For more information visit: [www.wisesize.com](http://www.wisesize.com)

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