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## Capital Insurance Group joins forces with Habitat for Humanity, gifts playhouse to Mintie White Elementary School in Watsonville



*(Top to Bottom: The completed playhouse was delivered on Friday, August 17; CIG employees built and painted the playhouse on July 20)*

**Watsonville, Calif. (August 17, 2018)** — [Capital Insurance Group](#), a Monterey-based insurance carrier, has partnered with [Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay](#) to build and gift a children’s playhouse to [Mintie White Elementary School](#) in Watsonville.

As part of Habitat for Humanity’s Playhouse Build Program, the structure was assembled and hand-painted by CIG employees on July 20, at the Habitat Restore facility in Seaside. The

playhouse was given a playful Eagle theme, to honor the school's beloved mascot and – coincidentally – CIG's logo, as well.

To add to the surprise, CIG hosted a "Stuff the Playhouse" school supply drive during the month of July. In all, employees collected nearly 800 school supplies to gift the students, including backpacks, pencils, and other items for their classrooms.

Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Pajaro Valley Unified School District's Superintendent, stated, "Community partners play an important role in enriching students' experiences. When the District was approached by CIG with the gift of a playhouse, we were thrilled to accept. The playhouse, colorfully displaying the school's mascot, will witness the students' joy during recess and will also serve as a reminder of the importance of organizations coming together to show a caring community. Thank you to CIG employees for 'stuffing the playhouse' with school supplies for students – this act of kindness does not go unnoticed by our families."

Headquartered in Monterey, CIG has been serving the Western U.S. since 1898 with coverage for personal, commercial, and agricultural business segments, with an emphasis on property-related exposures.

"We are honored to support Habitat for Humanity, as we share in the mission of protecting and restoring lives," said Arne Chatterton, President & CEO of CIG. "We're proud to offer our employees a Paid Volunteer Time-Off benefit, so they can give back to local organizations and do more than just write a check. We hope this playground can be a standing testament and serve as a reminder to these children that they have a community that cares for them."

The Playhouse Build Program is offered on a national level throughout Habitat for Humanity's footprint. Habitat provides all the materials, tools, training, and supervision needed for the volunteer experience, and identifies local non-profit organizations, families, and school districts to receive the playhouse donations.

"The popularity of playhouses in schoolyards underscores the importance that stable and affordable housing plays in our larger community. Habitat is proud to be able to partner with CIG on this activity," said David Foster, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay.

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#### **About Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay:**

As an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat Monterey Bay believes in a world where everyone has a decent place to live. We create opportunities for families to transform their lives, gaining the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build a better future. Working together as a community, we build homes with affordable mortgages, repair and renovate existing homes, counsel first-time homebuyers, and revitalize neighborhoods in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. For more information, please call 831.469.4663 or visit [www.habitatmontereybay.org](http://www.habitatmontereybay.org).

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**About Pajaro Valley Unified School District:**

Pajaro Valley Unified School District serves 20,400 students: 82% are Latino, 16% are White, 44% are English Language learners, and 75% qualify free or reduced lunch programs. The district has sixteen elementary schools, six middle/junior high schools, three comprehensive high schools and eight charter/alternative schools. Administration, Classified and Certificated Staff are dedicated to ensuring that all of our students can reach their greatness. At the center of our Target for Student Success is the belief that our students must leave our schools college and career ready. PVUSD is dedicated and committed to ensure we have a positive impact on the lives of our students.

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