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The playhouses were opened on the grounds of the Breezewood Community, an affordable housing complex in the 3800 block of Kirkwood Avenue in north Riverside.

The playhouses were donated by Wescom Credit Union of Pasadena, which partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build two full-sized houses during the fair. Those houses have since been sent to a site on Hamilton Boulevard and are being finished there.

At the fair, young people and volunteers also built a number of playhouses as an extra activity.

Two of the playhouses were given to Wescom, which in turn provided them to Project Access, a Newport Beach-based nonprofit that assists low-income families and manages the Breezewood Family Resource Center.

Project Access moved the playhouses to the complex, which had been a magnet for gang and drug activity before recent renovations changed it into a family-safe area, according to a Wescom press release.

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