

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2013 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number Trinity R. Barrett J0302 Project Title Build Destroy Build: Better Homes for Earthquake Country** Abstract **Objectives/Goals** The goal of my project is to find out if the shape of a house is relevant to how much damage a tectonic earthquake leaves on the house after the earthquake. I believed that the A-frames would have the least amount of damage. Methods/Materials The goal of my project is to find out if the shape of a house is relevant to how much damage a tectonic earthquake leaves on the house after the earthquake. I believed that the A-frames would have the least amount of damage. **Results** If you combine the results from both the A-frames, there are twenty damaged points, while for the single story flats, there were only sixteen points of damage. **Conclusions/Discussion** My results conclude that a single story flat would be more earthquake resistant than an A-frame. However, more tests following a more uniform state regulation code may vary my results. **Summary Statement** My project is about testing different types of houses against tectonic earthquakes to find out which one is the most earthquake resistant. **Help Received**

Mother helped edit and type report, cut materials after I measured, helped design #shaker-box#, led me in the direction of information and Dale Dingman built the #shaker-box#, according to my design, advised on roof pitch and stud spacing.