

Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

National Housing Endowment Honors Home Builders Care Foundation

The National Housing Endowment, the philanthropic arm of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), honored five homebuilders associations from across the nation for initiating a variety of community service projects last year that provided assistance for families and residents in need within their communities. The **Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF)**, the charitable affiliate of the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA), was one of those honored.

HBCF and MNCBIA were presented with an *Association Excellence Award for Best Community Service Project Conducted* in the 501-750 member association size category for its Dale Drive Apartments renovation project in Silver Spring. In 2007, as part of a collaborative team of public and private sector agencies and nonprofit organizations, HBCF served as a primary resource for the rehabilitation of the 10-unit Dale Drive Apartment Complex for the Home First program, operated by the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH).

The project was captained by MNCBIA member **Maryland Development Co. LLC/Ridan Builders Inc.** and the company's president **Ted Smart**. The renovation,



which cost nearly \$900,000, involved completely overhauling and upgrading a vacant apartment building. The building now provides permanent, affordable and supportive housing for single disabled adults who are formerly homeless.

To further recognize the prestigious national award and applaud the continuing efforts of the project's beneficiary, the National Housing Endowment donated \$1,000 to MCCH in support of the Home First program. The contribution was presented to MCCH Executive Director **Sharan London** by HBCF President **Ted Smart** on October 23, 2008 (pictured above). ⚙

Liberty Home Builder Jumps into Action



Liberty Home Builder President, Guy Curley (left), dedicates the new long jump pit to Great Mills High School Principal, Tracey Heibel, Athletic Director, Brenda Henley and Track and Field Coach, Raymond Rice.

Liberty Home Builder team members Dana Brickman, Lee Brickman and Eric Moore provided over 90 hours of labor to installing a new long jump pit at Great Mills High School. Plumbing materials were donated by Thomas Somerville, Sand and Gravel was donated by Chaney Enterprises and all other materials were donated by 84 Lumber and Liberty Home Builder. In total, more than \$7,500 of in kind materials and man hours were donated.

Commenting on the job, Guy Curley said, "It was a great feeling to be asked to participate in a renovation project of my old high school. One of the parents of a track athlete asked if I would be interested in participating and I said of course. I had never built a long jump pit but knew that we would figure it out." ⚙

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Men's Shelter Addition: Completion Expected Before Year End



Construction of the addition to the Men's Emergency Shelter at 600 East Gude Drive in Rockville is well underway and progressing smoothly. The 3,780 sq. ft. build, undertaken by Builder Captain **Winchester Homes** for **Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF)**, is part of a major facilities improvement project to better serve Montgomery County's homeless population.

According to the 2008 Homeless Enumeration of the Metropolitan Washington Region report produced by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, on any given day, there are 1,150 literally homeless persons in Montgomery County, including 500 single adult men.



With the hypothermia season beginning November 1, the shelter is already experiencing an increase in demand for shelter and supportive services.

Thankfully, due to the diligence of Builder Captain Winchester Homes, led by the hard work of **Mike Schueler** and **Ron Keefer**, the building is ahead of schedule and under budget. Currently, the building is under roof, mechanically roughed-in and should be ready for drywall by mid-November.

Keefer, the day-to-day Project Manager commented, "Everyone has been great to work with—from the County to the Coalition for the Homeless and Home Builders Care. All of the subs have been more than willing to jump in and help out one another with whatever needs to be done."



Winchester's Ron Keefer onsite and in charge.

To date, a number of subcontractors and suppliers have already worked on the project and we thank them for their efforts. They include: **Alho Masonry/Maryland Foundations, Annandale Millwork/Allied Systems, Beltway Steel Supply, Christian Landscaping, Cranford Roofing, HPC Enterprises, JA Rice, Noels Fire Protection, Southern Electric, Van Sant HVAC and Van Sant Plumbing.** ⚙

Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected

Newland Hosts 3rd Annual Pumpkin Festival

On October 25, Newland Communities hosted its third annual Life is good® Pumpkin Festival at Clarksburg Town Center, one of eight festivals hosted by Newland



The women of K Bank helped “cut and gut” 1,200 pumpkins.

in seven states across the country. Free to attend, the pumpkin festival gave families a fun-filled day of pumpkin carving, games, music, great food and more, all the while raising funds for two charities, HomeAid and Project Joy. **Home Builders Care Foundation’s** own

HomeAid Washington, DC, participated in the event and sponsors of the festival included MNCBIA members **Linowes & Blocher LLP, Gutschick, Little & Weber PA, Charles P. Johnson & Associates** and **Ruppert Nurseries**. Special thanks to **Newland’s Peggy Molloy** for spearheading the event and the **K Bank** team for helping with the “cut & gut”! ✨



Newland’s Peggy Molloy prepares to dig into another perfect pumpkin.

Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders—Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

HomeAid Washington DC Commits to its First Project—Open Arms Housing

On September 17, District of Columbia Mayor Adrian Fenty joined Open Arms Housing and its dedicated partners in the groundbreaking for the Dunbar Apartments, the first permanent supportive Housing First project for homeless women funded by his administration. The project will not only provide apartments for chronically homeless residents, but also offer access to comprehensive support services as well.

With a \$30,000 commitment to supply appliances to the project, **Home Builders Care Foundation’s HomeAid Washington DC** chapter has joined a noteworthy team of supporters of the Dunbar

Apartments project including: the DC Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Dept. of Mental Health, the Housing Authority, The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness, Enterprise Community Partners, Cornerstone, The Corporation for Supportive Housing, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the Clark-Winchocole Foundation, Phillip L. Graham Fund, and the



William S. Abell Foundation. Total renovation costs are estimated at \$1.7 million.

Located in DC’s 5th Ward at 57 O Street N.W., the Dunbar is an existing two-story plus basement apartment building originally built around 1920. Containing 19 units, it will provide housing for 16 mentally-ill chronically homeless women along with units for three staff and volunteers who will monitor and assist residents around the clock.

A 2007 study by the National Alliance to End Homelessness reported that although chronic homeless persons represent a small share of the overall homeless population, chronically homeless people consume more than 50 percent of homeless services. The most effective successful model for housing people who experience chronic homelessness is permanent supportive housing using a Housing First approach.

The Housing First approach is a client-driven strategy that provides immediate access to an apartment without requiring participation in psychiatric treatment or treatment for sobriety. After settling into new apartments, clients are offered a wide range of supportive services that focus primarily on helping them maintain their housing. ✨

at one of seven distribution points in the County. The organization also distributes food to area homeless shelters, soup kitchens, group homes, and low-income housing areas.

Since its founding in 1983, Manna has:

- distributed more than 24 million pounds of food
- served more than 1.7 million County residents including 800,000 children and 400,000 elderly and/or disabled individuals.
- distributed millions of pounds of food to homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and group homes located in Montgomery County.
- provided food on a weekly basis to 24 low-income housing areas in the County.

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