

BUILDING INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY BUILDERS

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Centex Walks for Breast Cancer Research

Centex Homes was a sponsor of the *5th Annual Pink Ribbon Classic 5k Run/5K Walk & 1 Mile Fun Walk* held on October 15 benefiting the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Research and Program Development.

The race raised approximately \$9,500 for the American Cancer Society. Three Centex Homes employees were among the 170 participants. Representing the homebuilding company were: **Kay Schrum**, sales representative; **Amy Parker**, settlements coordinator; and **Andrea Bishop**, contracts administrator. Centex Homes, which is currently building in five communities along the Eastern Shore, has sponsored the race since its inception. ▼



Dr. Ezekiel Bloyce (left) presents Eliot Powell with the certificate of appreciation.

Prince George's Liaison Continues School Support

Dr. Ezekiel Bloyce, Principal of Morningside Elementary School, presented a certificate of appreciation from the County's Board of Education to **Eliot Powell**, Vice Chairman of the Prince George's Liaison Committee and coordinator for the Liaison Committee with Morningside Elementary School at the Liaison Committee's October 7th meeting for the industry's sup-

Hurricane Relief Efforts

Bowman Consulting donated \$20,000 to the American Red Cross to support those who have suffered staggering losses in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Donations are the result of an employee-matching program where employee donations were matched dollar-for-dollar.

K. Hovnanian Homes contributed \$250,000 to The American Red Cross Hurricane Relief fund. The company also matched the personal contributions from its 5,000 associates across the United States. Combined, the total contribution came to \$676,000.

Mitchell & Best Homebuilders donated \$5,965 to the National Housing Endowment, for the Home Building Industry Disaster Relief Fund. This amount represents a 100 percent matching contribution to donations made by Mitchell & Best employees for hurricane disaster relief to a charity of their own choosing.

And to all those other companies who have donated money, materials or both to the hurricane relief efforts, **THANK YOU!** ▼

port of the Morningside Elementary school in Suitland.

The Liaison Committee began its association with the school in 2002 and has since helped by mentoring students, providing funds for the schools science fair projects and developing a landscape plan to enhance the beauty of the school with the assistance of MNCBIA's Environmental Committee. At the same Liaison meeting, Mr. Powell of Whitehall Development, presented to Dr. Bloyce, on behalf of the members of the Liaison Committee, a check for \$2,400 to be used to purchase bookcases for the classrooms. ▼

Home Builders Care Accomplishments (Fall 2004 - Winter 2005)

Who: *Angel's Watch Regional Shelter* - for homeless women and children in Southern Maryland

What: Bathroom renovations, HVAC upgrades, new windows
Members Involved: Craftstar Homes, Builders First Source, Fireside Hearth and Home, Floors Inc., and The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation (Winchester Homes)

Who: *CASA de Maryland* - Pine Ridge Community Center in Silver Spring.

What: Construction of a 2,400-sq.ft. facility for Latino immigrants
Members Involved: Ryan Homes

Who: *Jewish Foundation for Group Homes* - for disabled adults in Montgomery County.

What: Roof and siding replacement, interior wall reconstruction, yard drainage improvements
Members Involved: Classic Community Corp., Craftstar Homes and Monument Construction

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ABOUT THE MNCBIA

The Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA) is a trade association comprised of builders, developers, and others associated with the shelter industry who do business in Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties, & Washington DC

The BIA serves as a valuable resource for its members in the areas of education and training as well as representing the industry at all levels of government, with other trade associations and the general public. The MNCBIA fosters the growth and prosperity of the shelter industry and its members within the community, striving to fulfill every consumer's dream of homeownership within a broad spectrum of price ranges & markets.

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Who: *Mellwood House* - Residential treatment center in Upper Marlboro, MD

What: 1,000 feet of new wood fencing
Members Involved: Craftstar Homes, Metro Landscape and Construction

Who: *Mother Dear Community Center* - emergency/support services in the District.

What: Resolving water and mold problems in basement and around exterior.
Members Involved: Porten Homes and Apex Engineering.

Who: *NAHB's National Housing Endowment's Tsunami Shelter Fund*

What: Donated relief funds
Members Involved: Multiple donations

Who: *National Center for Children and Families* - Greentree Shelter

What: Holiday Toy Drive
Members Involved: multiple donations

Who: *Rebuilding Together/Christmas in April* - Revitalizing homes for low income families

What: Adopted three homes and made financial contributions to all jurisdictions
Members Involved: K. Hovnanian Homes, NV Homes and Ryan Homes.

Who: *Shepherd's Cove Shelter* - for homeless women and children in Prince George's County.

What: Multiple bathroom renovations
Members Involved: Bozzuto Homes

Who: *Smile on Wing's Tsunami Tool Fund*

What: Collected funds to help disaster victims in Thailand
Members Involved: Tony Crane (Crane Homes) and Family, with multiple donations

Who: *Southern Maryland Food Bank*

What: Thanksgiving Food Drive
Members Involved: multiple donations

Who: *Spring Dell Center* - Serving the disabled in Charles and St. Mary's Counties.

What: New ramp, fence and landscaping at group home
Members Involved: Steuart-Kret Homes

Who: *Transitional Housing Corporation* - Housing for homeless families in the District

What: Renovation of apartments plus upgrades to common areas.
Members Involved: Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc., Design House Kitchens, Duron Paints ▼

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College Students Awarded Scholarships



MNCBIA awarded its **Joseph C. Rodgers, Sr. Memorial/MNCBIA Endowed Scholarship** for the 2005 Fall semester to two Montgomery College students. Both were selected by the Building Trades Department.

The first recipient is Matthew Homan. Besides being a full-time student, Matthew has, for the past four years, worked for a home improvement company utilizing building trade skills. One of his long-term goals is to become an entrepreneur.

The other deserving recipient is Ronald Beckham, who is working towards a Building Trades Technology Certificate. After completing his studies at Montgomery College, Ronald wishes to pursue a career in the heating and air conditioning or electricity field.

The scholarship is named in memory of a special member of MNCBIA who was dedicated to continuing education, crafts, training and excellence in the building trades. ▼



Winchester Plants Trees for the Bay

On October 29 more than 70 Winchester Homes employees and volunteers from the Maryland Outdoor Club and Howard County Community College planted 225 native trees and shrubs at the Timbers at Troy

Golf Course in Elkridge, MD, to create a forest buffer to help protect the Chesapeake Bay.

The planting was part of the "Tree-Mendous Maryland" program in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service and the Howard County Department of Public Works Highway Division.

At the planting, the Maryland DNR Forest Service presented Winchester Homes with the "Tree-Mendous Marylander" award that recognizes organizations that have a long history of participation in the Tree-Mendous Maryland tree plantings. "We are proud to participate in a program that adheres to our core principles of volunteerism and environmental stewardship," said Mike Lemon, Winchester's Development Manager. ▼

HOME BUILDERS CARE FOUNDATION AND BIA MEMBERS ASSISTING AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE REGION

Pine Ridge Community Center Nears Completion

The Home Builders Care Foundation's project to assist CASA of Maryland, Inc. with its Pine Ridge Community Center project in Silver Spring is near completion. The new 2,400 sq. ft. center, which is expected to serve approximately 300 immigrant families is a keystone in revitalizing the Long Branch neighborhood in Silver Spring.

The completed Center will house facilities for adult learning and services, computer learning and access, youth programs, and space for meeting and community functions. Construction is expected to wrap up in December.

In addition to support from HBCF, CASA received grant funds via the Montgomery County Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs and the Philip Graham Fund to build the Center. A grand opening is set for January 2006. ▼



(Above) Stevens Brown (right), a senior planner with Montgomery County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs and Mario Martinez (left), a program manager's assistant with CASA, inspect progress in what will be the Center's computer lab.



(L to R) Bernie Schultz, Chair, Calvert County Liaison Committee, Aaron Cook, David Judy, Larry Ringgold, carpentry teacher with the Calvert Career Center.

For Outstanding Achievement...

Representatives from the Calvert County Liaison Committee presented Aaron Cook and David Judy, two Senior students at the Calvert Career Center, with Student Achievement Awards for academics, attendance and skills. The presentation was made at the Calvert County Business

and Education Seminar on September 30 at the Rod-N-Reel Restaurant in Chesapeake Beach. The Liaison Committee and MNCBIA members raised money to present each student with a \$500 gift certificate from Sneades Ace Hardware Store. Sneades also contributed tool boxes and supplies for each of the students. ▼

Marrick Properties Supports College of Southern Maryland

The Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) honored Marrick Properties for its extraordinary service to the college. CSM Board Chair Joseph F. Shannon Jr. presented the Board of Trustees' Distinguished Service Award to **Rick Bailey** and **Marvin Ousler**, owners of Marrick Properties, Inc.

Marrick Properties, Inc. has established a \$100,000 endowment at CSM and has contributed more than \$30,000 to the college over the last several years, supporting numerous projects including student scholarships, instructional technology upgrades, athletics and operational needs. Marrick Properties, Inc. also has been the grand sponsor of the CSM Foundation's golf tournament fundraisers in Calvert and Charles counties. ▼

Angel's Watch Regional Shelter Update

Home Builders Care Foundation's renovation project at the Angel's Watch Regional Shelter in Hughesville, MD, is nearing completion. The shelter for women and children, services families throughout Southern Maryland. The last item to be tackled is the installation of 25 new windows, which is estimated to save the facility thousands of dollars in heating and cooling costs annually. "Thank you so much for the new windows. I am thrilled. The new windows could potentially save us a small fortune, and I mean \$10,000 to \$15,000 this year alone. I am so grateful and relieved you have no idea," said Denise Capaci, Regional Director, Catholic Charities Southern Maryland. ▼