

# Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

## Slenker Brings Lifelong learning to 55+ Community



Residents of *Central Parke at Victoria Falls* in Laurel, MD, will see their 55+ community turned into a campus under a cutting-edge agreement between the University of Maryland's The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and land developer Slenker Communities. The new relationship enables homeowners to take part in lifelong learning, service education and civic engagement right in their own community.

"Slenker Communities is proud to be designing for the new 55+ generation that has a passion for learning. Many are starting new careers, working longer and redefining retirement. We are excited to start a new trend by providing our residents with opportunities to learn, grow and share new experiences," said Bill Slenker. ✨

## Golfing for Good Causes

**Bolton & Associates** took part in the 15th Annual Roger M. Smith Science and Engineering Scholarship Golf Tournament sponsored by the Indian Head Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association. Each year, the money goes to students in the six Charles County high schools - Lackey, La Plata, McDonough, North Point, Thomas Stone, and Westlake - who plan to pursue a college education in science and engineering fields. The dollar amount provided for scholarships to date is more than \$65,000.

**Bradford Bank** hosted its 5th annual Commercial Customer Appreciation Day at Mountain Branch Golf Course in Harford County on October 2. All proceeds from the sale of mulligans went to the Home Builders Care Foundation in support of its community service projects that help the homeless and others at-risk. ✨

## Loiederman Soltesz Establishes College Scholarship

**Loiederman Soltesz Associates Inc.** established a scholarship fund targeting civil engineering technology students at Pennsylvania College of Technology.

The fund will provide an annual award of \$1,000 for a third-year student enrolled full time in Penn College's civil engineering technology bachelor-degree major. Students chosen to receive the scholarship award will also be given consideration for paid summer internships.

"It's very exciting to be in this partnership with Penn College," said James A. Soltesz, president and CEO of Loiederman Soltesz Associates Inc. "Assisting students with opportunities for growth, as well as employing graduates, is a genuine pleasure." ✨

## NAHB Relief Fund Poised to Help Southern California

The Home Building Industry Disaster Relief Fund stands ready to help residents of Southern California who have been affected by the wildfires that have swept through their area. As of October 26th, the fires had reportedly displaced hundreds of thousands of residents, caused \$1 billion in property damage and destroyed an estimated 1,635 homes. Members can contribute to this fund by going to [www.nahb.org](http://www.nahb.org) and typing in the search box "disaster relief." ✨

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## Builders Expo Food Drive

The very first **Greater Washington Builders Expo Food Drive** was held on October 30th at the Dulles Expo Center. In just one afternoon, a total of eight large bins were completely filled with non-perishable food items that were donated by building industry members attending the Expo. It was estimated that over 800 pounds of food was collected. The food drive was hosted by the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) and HomeAid Washington DC, the charitable community service organizations affiliated with MNCBIA, along with HomeAid Northern Virginia, a sister charity across the river.

The Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) was the beneficiary of the food drive. CAFB is the largest non-governmental, non-profit food distribution and hunger education resource in the greater metropolitan area. CAFB partners with over 700 agencies throughout our communities to nourish families in need. Thank you to all industry members who donated food! ✨



HBCF Manager Patti Kane poses with Builders Expo Committee Co-Chairs, Michael Bell (l), the bell company and Marty Mitchell, Mitchell & Best Homebuilders.

## Newland Hosts Pumpkin Festival



On October 20th **Newland Communities** hosted its second annual Life is good® Pumpkin Festival in Clarksburg Town Center, one of 11 festivals held in Newland Communities in seven states across the country. The festival was free to

attend, giving hundreds of families a fun-filled day featuring pumpkin carving, games, live music, great food and more, all the while raising funds for charity.

The highlight of the festival took place at dusk when approximately 2,000 carved pumpkins were placed on a wall of scaffolding and lit at sunset for a truly awesome display.

The national beneficiary of the 2007 festivals is HomeAid, a leading national non-profit provider of housing for today's temporarily homeless. The Home Builders Care Foundation's own **HomeAid Washington DC** chapter participated in the event. In addition, the Children's Inn at National Institutes of Health (NIH) also benefitted from the Clarksburg event.

"As a developer of residential communities from coast to coast, we are proud to have the funds raised at our 2007 Life is good Pumpkin Festival benefit HomeAid and the Children's Inn at NIH. We support the efforts of each charity and hope our contributions can help make a difference," said Doug Delano, vice president of operations for Newland Communities' DC Division. ✨

# Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected

## Work in Progress Tour at Dale Drive

On October 18, the **Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF)** held a “work in progress tour” at the Dale Drive Apartments in Silver Spring. The tour provided its supporters with an opportunity to get a sneak peek of the project during its re-construction. On behalf of HBCF, **Maryland Development Co. LLC/Ridan Builders Inc.** is serving as Builder Captain for the project. HBCF Board Member **Ted Smart** welcomed visitors from the County and provided an overview of the project.



The development of the Dale Drive apartments is a significant collaborative community service project for Montgomery County. The property is a three-story brick apartment building containing 10 small one-bedroom units. As part of a team of public and private sector agencies and nonprofit organizations, including the

Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC), Department for Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA), and the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH), HBCF is serving as a primary resource for the extensive rehabilitation of the building; when completed,

Dale Drive apartments will provide permanent, affordable, supportive housing for single disabled adults who are homeless. The property was acquired by Montgomery County through its Housing Initiative Fund. HOC owns the property and is managing the renovation. MCCH will run the program, screening and selecting the residents and managing the resident support services at the property and will provide the case management services. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned for December. ✨

HBCF has taken on a sizeable portion of the construction by handling the finishing end of the renovation from the drywall stage. At the time of the tour, the installation of doors and trim, painting, and flooring had been completed. Yet to be completed as part of HBCF’s donation are new kitchen and bath cabinetry, all appliances, window coverings, landscaping and new fencing.

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The Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA) is a regional organization of more than 730 companies representing the interests of more than 18,000 individuals in the building and development industry operating in Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George’s and St. Mary’s counties in Maryland and in the city of Washington DC. The MNCBIA is affiliated with the Maryland State Builders Association (MSBA) located in Annapolis and is a local affiliated Chapter of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) located in Washington DC.

# Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders—Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

## Planting Trees with a Purpose

**Winchester Homes’** employees and volunteers planted trees as part of the 2007 “Tree-Mendous Maryland” tree planting program this past October at the Wheaton Regional Park.

Winchester Homes has been involved in “Tree-Mendous Maryland” planting programs for 18 years. Volunteers have planted trees to help beautify communities, provide natural wildlife habitats and help remove carbon and other pollutants from the air, the ground, and the water. Planting the trees in the park ultimately helps improve the ecosystem for plants and animals living in and around the streams and creeks that feed into the watershed of the Chesapeake Bay.



“Volunteerism and environmental leadership are an important part of our corporate values at Winchester Homes,” said Michael Lemon, Winchester Homes Development Manager. ✨

## Homebuilders Renovate Group Home

On September 24th, a crew from **Ryan Homes, Inc.** parked their trucks in front of a Rockville residence and reported for work. The house wasn’t under new construction nor was it on the list for warranty service. The residence, owned and operated by Housing Unlimited, Inc. (HUI), was home to five adults with psychiatric disabilities and their group home kitchen was in need of renovation. The crew from Ryan Homes, under the guidance of Project Supervisor **Chris Starr**, had agreed to take on the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) project, estimated at \$25,000.

The initial assistance request from HUI to HBCF asked for only new flooring to be installed in a 10’ x 12’ kitchen area. But upon further inspection by HBCF Board Member **Peter Robertson**, General Manager at Ryan Homes, the scope of work was greatly expanded to a complete kitchen overall, including new appliances, cabinets, Corian countertops with an integrated seamless sink, tile flooring and more. From start to finish, the project was completed in just one week.

“We’re very appreciative of the Foundation’s support,” said Abe M. Schuchman, Esq., Executive Director of Housing Unlimited, Inc. “The tenants are very excited.” Based in

Silver Spring, HUI was incorporated as a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) affordable housing corporation in 1991 by parents of adults with mental illness. The goal was to relieve the severe housing crisis for this segment of the population. Today, the mission of Housing Unlimited Inc. is to address the housing crisis for adults with psychiatric disabilities who reside in Montgomery County. ✨



(L to R) Peter Robertson, Abe Schuchman and Chris Starr.