

Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

Holiday Fundraisers

Thanks to the generous donations of members of the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA) the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) collected thousands of dollars worth of new toys and gifts—ranging from sporting equipment to electronics—for its' annual Toy Drive.

This year's worthy beneficiary was the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF), a Bethesda-based nonprofit agency with a 90-year commitment to serving homeless families, victims of domestic violence and vulnerable adolescents.

Rich Thometz, an MNCBIA Past-President and current HBCF Director, was excited to donate over \$1,000 worth of toys on behalf of his firm, Hailey Development LC, and its employees.

Earlier in the year HBCF collected hundreds of pounds of food through its annual Thanksgiving food drive, benefitting the Southern Maryland Food Bank ▼

Partner Arms Apartment Near Complete

For the past few months, workers for Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) have been busy renovating seven Washington, DC, apartments, which are soon to become homes to seven homeless families. Under the direction of **Mid-Atlantic Builders**, work crews have replaced flooring, installed new cabinets and countertops, repainted, and supplied new appliances to the units. Improvements were also made to common areas in the 14-unit complex. The transformation is nearly finished with only the replacement of a front concrete stoop left to complete.

The apartments, located in the Partner Arms building on Kennedy Street NW, are part of the Transitional Housing Corporation's (THC) comprehensive support program for homeless families. Throughout their two-year stay in the fully-furnished apartments, families participate in mandatory services that include employment and career counseling, family dynamics and parenting skills, among others. At the end of the two years, they are prepared to move into permanent housing.

"It's been a very rewarding experience helping out such an admirable organization," said HBCF Director John Lavery of Mid-Atlantic Builders. "We owe a lot of thanks to our trade partners for their willingness to provide assistance and to the wonderful THC staff for their help in coordinating and facilitating the project." MNCBIA members **Ben Lewis Plumbing, CTI/Floors Inc., Design House Kitchens, and Reico**, along with Mid-Atlantic's own production and customer care managers, contributed to the project. ▼



Crew from Mid-Atlantic include (L to R) Ross Martin, Billy Knight and John Dorsey.

Heritage Hauls Plane for Charity

This past fall Chantilly, VA-based Heritage Contracting employees and their families participated in the annual Dulles Plane Pull, raising \$45,000 for the Special Olympics. Heritage placed 4th out of 48 teams and followed closely behind teams representing the Fairfax County Sheriffs Department, Chesapeake County Sheriffs Department and Loudon County Sheriffs Department. More than 5,000 people attended and in addition to the plane pull the event featured helicopter rides, an antique car show and tours of military and commercial aircraft. ▼

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2005 Community Service Awards

Each year, the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) recognizes select individuals and companies for their outstanding contributions to the community through unselfish efforts and dedication in support of shelter-related projects in our communities.

HBCF presented its *2005 Community Service Award* to the following four outstanding community members:

The *Community Builder Award*—presented in recognition of a builder member who helps raise awareness of the industry's spirit of giving—was given to **Tony Crane** of Crane Homes and his family (wife Cindy and children, Jesse and Nick) for their inspiring tsunami relief mission to Thailand during the summer of 2005.

The *Directors Award*—presented in recognition of leadership and advocacy for the mission and purpose of Home Builders Care—was given to **Elm Street Development**. In 2005, the company was instrumental in helping launch HBC Utilities LLC, an HBCF subsidiary whose aim is to establish an endowment base to sustain the increased efforts of the Home Builders Care program for years to come. The new venture is off to an incredible start thanks to the vision of Elm Street President David Flanagan and the generosity and commitment of the company.

Finally, the *Tom Sawyer Award*—presented in recognition of significant in-kind donations to HBCF's shelter-related projects—was given to two well-deserving companies. The first award was given to **Duron Paints and Wallcoverings** for their in-kind assistance with the Transitional Housing Corporation's Partner Arms I renovation project in Washington DC.

The second award was presented to **Fireside Hearth and Home** for their support of HBCF's project at Angel's Watch Regional Shelter in Southern Maryland. Their specific contribution helped pay for significant portions of the out-of-pocket costs on the project. ▼



Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected

CASA Opens Community Center

The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) joined CASA of Maryland, Inc. in celebrating the February opening of CASA's Community Center in the Long Branch area of Silver Spring. The new 2,400 square foot Community Center will directly serve 300 families in the Pine Ridge and Goodacre apartment complexes on Piney Branch Road. The Center will house facilities for adult learning and services, computer learning and access, youth programs, and space for community functions.

The project is funded largely through grant funds from the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs. HBCF became a partner in the project when CASA was not successful in identifying a contractor able to perform work within their budget. As the largest private contributor to the project, HBCF has been instrumental in helping make the community center project a reality. HBCF board member **Kyle Lyne** of Ryan Homes managed the HBCF portion of the project, which included the funding of finishing work as well as the construction of a new outdoor patio at the Center's entrance. ▼

Hailey Lends Many Hands

Hailey Development L.C., a Burtonsville, MD-based land development firm focusing on residential and mixed-use opportunities in the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas, proudly announced that their charitable contributions for the year 2005 topped \$169,000. Among the many organizations who benefited from Hailey's generosity were, Home Builders Care Foundation, CASA of Maryland, Interfaith Housing Alliance, Montgomery College Foundation and Cystic Fibrosis. ▼

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Helping Sisters in Need

Home Builders Care Foundation presented a check for \$10,000 to the Little Sisters of the Poor Home in Washington, DC, in February to help cover the cost of many critical repairs to their retirement home, including masonry and structural repairs.

Founded in 1839, this international organization has had a presence in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area since 1871.

HBCF was eager to help this truly admirable group, who have dedicated their lives to helping the elderly and do so with extremely little funding.

Jim Brown of Victory Housing serves on the Little Sister's advisory board and brought the Sister's serious needs to the attention of the HBCF.

Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders—Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

Operation Mississippi Christmas

Last December two tractor-trailers loaded with Christmas gifts left St. Mary's County bound for D'Iberville, MS. This gallant effort came about after a group of residents, including MNCBIA's own **Guy Curley** of Liberty Homebuilders, and **Jim Bacot** of Lifestyle Design Inc. came together to form the St. Mary's Hurricane Relief Fund to lend a hand to the victims still in D'Iberville trying to rebuild their lives.



Shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast last August, this group of volunteers quickly organized and delivered several truckloads of emergency supplies to the residents of D'Iberville, two-thirds of whom had lost their homes and most of their possessions. But the compassion didn't stop there. The volunteers moved forward with their plan to make sure every child in the town would enjoy Christmas. The Relief Fund had a new mission, "Operation Mississippi Christmas", which would adopt the town's 2,040 school children. On December 9th the trucks, along with 10 volunteers, headed south packed with toys, book bags filled with school supplies, medical provisions, computer setups and more. Kids in pre-k through sixth grade received gifts from wish lists they had written. Kids in graded 7 through 12, were given \$40 Wal-Mart gift certificates.



On the floor of Congress this past December, Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD, 5th Congressional District of Maryland) applauded the volunteers accomplishments saying, "Their efforts surely for all of us, symbolize the true meaning of compassion. This is an example of the best of what is

Endowment Continues to Benefit University

Five years ago, the Maryland National Capital BIA created an endowment at the University of Maryland commemorating **Robert Mitchell's** retirement as President of the National Association of Home Builders. During his tenure Mitchell founded Home Builders Care, a national charitable program directing the building industry toward community outreach. With his dedication to community outreach by the building industry it was a logical step to venerate his work through donation. The University was chosen because it is Mitchell's alma mater.

The endowment provides support for students at all levels, both undergraduate and graduate, who are associated with, or enrolled in, one of the programs in the Maryland School of Public Policy, many of which are especially important to those in the building industry. The Endowment guarantees that future policymakers will be well-trained and ready to handle the need of all industries, including the building industry.

Today, the Robert L. Mitchell Leadership Fellows Endowment continues to financially benefit the University. Initially established in February of 2001, as the Robert L. Mitchell Leadership Scholarship Fund, the endowment has grown more than 30 percent in market value over the last five years. With this constant growth the Endowment will surely continue to aid students and the university in their work for generations. ▼



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