

Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

Builders Take a Walk

On Saturday, November 18, MNCBIA members and staff joined nearly 30,000 participants in the 19th annual Fannie Mae “Help the Homeless Walkathon” on the National Mall in Washington, DC. This year’s route took walkers (human and canine, young and old) 3.1 miles around the Mall and the tidal basin.

MNCBIA once again served as a top-level **Millennium Partner (over \$100,000)** for the walkathon, thanks to the generosity of over 60 MNCBIA members, whose contributions were pooled to support MNCBIA’s charity arm, the Home Builders Care Foundation, a selected beneficiary of the Help the Homeless program.



Photo by Steve Grudziecki.

The mission of the Fannie Mae Foundation Help the Homeless Program is to raise awareness of, and funds for, Washington metropolitan area organizations that are working to prevent and end homelessness, with an emphasis on programs that help homeless people return to independent living. ▼

Investing in the Future of Housing



Photo courtesy of Kristy Mitchell Sullivan

Robert & Marlene Mitchell joined the growing ranks of NAHB’s National Housing Endowment’s Founding Advocates. Bob is co-founder of Mitchell & Best Group and has been involved with the homebuilding industry since 1964 on both the local and national level.

The Mitchells join a select group of Endowment donors who have made a six-figure commitment. “This gift will create the Robert & Marlene Mitchell Educational Fund of the National Housing Endowment and support Home Builders Care initiative and the NAHB Housing Archives,” stated National Housing Endowment Chairman F. Gary Garczynski.

The National Housing Endowment is the philanthropic arm of NAHB. In 1987, NAHB and a visionary group of leaders in the housing industry created the National Housing Endowment as a vehicle for giving back to their industry. Thanks to the generous contributions of housing leaders, the Endowment provides a permanent source of funds to address long-term industry concerns at the national level. ▼

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Mitchell & Best Renovate The Cottage for Hospice Caring

Since 1989, Hospice Caring, Inc. has been the only non-medical, volunteer hospice in Montgomery County. Trained and dedicated volunteers provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill adults and children and their families, and to anyone grieving the death of a loved one. All services are free of charge.

staff and serves as a meeting place for bereavement groups, retreats, monthly caregiver teas and meetings.

With an anticipated builder construction value of \$135,000, Mitchell & Best has been involved in the project since conception - from participating in plan review meetings with the City of Gaithersburg to researching the issue of a utility easement. Groundbreaking took place in late summer with the majority of construction getting started in late September.



Photos by Patti Kane.

For the past few months, a team from **Mitchell & Best Homebuilders** has been leading the building efforts to construct a multi-room addition to Hospice Caring’s primary home and resource - The Cottage. Established in 2000, The Cottage was obtained to serve ambulatory, terminally ill patients who would otherwise be home alone. The rambler, located in Bohrer Park, was provided by the City of Gaithersburg for the sum of \$1 per year. The Cottage houses the Hospice Caring program



Workers from TJ James Construction Company, Inc. are just part of the multi-talented crew of carpenters, electricians and plumbers tackling this project.

The much-needed addition will allow the award-winning volunteer organization to accommodate both administrative staff and staff of its Patient & Family and Adult & Children’s Bereavement programs at the same location. The extension to The Cottage will also enable the group to greatly lower its cost of operation.

On October 14 at its 2006 Gala, Hospice Caring paid tribute to Robert L. Mitchell of Mitchell & Best Homebuilders in recognition of his work and generosity throughout the Washington area. ▼

Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected



Builders Share Their Blessings During the Holidays

Each and every year, the **Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF)** organizes two successful holiday drives to benefit local community organizations serving the needy.

developer of quality affordable housing in Montgomery County. Their award-winning community life programs for children include pre-school programs, after-school programs for elementary school children that include a homework club, reading program, and computer classes; a summer enrichment program; and a teen club for older youth. ▼



Photo courtesy of Home Builders Care Foundation.

The 2005 Holiday Toy Drive collected more than \$6,000 dollars worth of new toys. Santa's helpers are (L to R): Patti Kane, Home Builders Care, Jack Orrick, Linowes & Blocher, LLP, Elise Goode, National Center for Children and Families (2005 toy drive beneficiary), John Lavery, Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc. and Curt Adkins, Craftmark Homes/Craftstar Homes.

This year's annual *Thanksgiving Food Drive* benefits United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP), a highly-regarded Prince George's County organization dedicated to serving the needs of low-to-moderate-income residents through services and programs that not only alleviate the symptoms of poverty, but also address the causes of poverty. At the November Dinner Meeting of the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA), HBCF collected hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food items from association members and their guests. The collected food was donated to UCAP's local food pantry serving at-risk individuals needing assistance.

In early December at the annual President's Luncheon, members of the MNCBIA contribute greatly to the HBCF's *Holiday Toy Collection*. At the event, toys, games, clothing and other items are generously donated. This year's collection of toys will be donated to needy children in residence with Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP). MHP is the largest nonprofit

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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

Home Builders Care Foundation— The Year in Review (and a Look Ahead)

Who: The ARC of Prince George's County - residential services for disabled adults

What: Donation of dinner and tickets to the Bowie Baysox Baseball Game

Members Involved: MNCBIA

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

What: Construction of a 2400-sq.ft. facility and outdoor area for Latino Immigrant families

Members Involved: Ryan Homes, Metro Landscaping and Construction

Who: Christmas in April - revitalizing homes for low-income families

What: Adopted five homes in Prince Georges County and made financial contributions to all jurisdictions

Members involved: Caruso Homes, K. Hovnanian Homes, Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc., NV Homes and Timberlake Homes

Who: Hospice Caring - supporting terminally ill adults and children and their families

What: Building a multi-room addition at The Cottage in Gaithersburg, MD

Members Involved: Mitchell & Best Homebuilders

Who: Jewish Foundation for Group Homes - residential services for adults with disabilities

What: whole house interior painting and carpet replacement, new sidewalk, new basement egress windows

Members involved: Ryan Homes, RBS Concrete, Masters Inc., Wayne Drywall

Who: Little Sisters of the Poor - Jeanne Jugan Home for the elderly in Washington DC

What: Provided support for emergency masonry and structural repairs

Members Involved: Home Builders Care Foundation

Who: Malta House (Victory Housing) - assisted living for the elderly

What: replacing nearly 8,000 square feet of anti-microbial carpeting throughout facility in Hyattsville, MD

Members Involved: Creative Touch Interiors

Who: Montgomery Housing Partnership - affordable housing and community life programs

What: Holiday Toy Drive

Members involved: multiple donations

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 Companies

Who: Rebuilding Together Montgomery County - revitalizing homes for low-income families (special projects)

What: Replaced appliances for home damaged by fire due to domestic violence

Members Involved: Sears Contract Sales

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

What: Renovation of apartments and upgrades to common areas

Members Involved: Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc., Ben Lewis Plumbing, DB Concrete, Creative Touch Interiors, Design House Kitchens, Duron Paints, REICO

Who: Shepherds Cove Shelter - 100 beds for homeless women and children in Prince Georges County

What: completely renovating all heavily-used bathrooms

Members Involved: Bozzuto Homes, Baltimore Door and Frame, Creative Touch Interiors, Frank Waters Inc., G & I Contracting, J.O Construction, JW & Sons Drywall, Masters Inc., Metropolitan Industries Inc., REICO, Rommel Electrical Systems

Who: United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Maryland - group homes for disabled residents in Waldorf, MD

What: New standby generator, accessibility adaptations for handicapped residents

Members Involved: Meridian Ventures Inc. (MVI Services) and Pelican Services

Who: United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) - serving the needs of low-income residents in Prince Georges County

What: Thanksgiving Food Drive

Members involved: multiple donations

Who: The Wellness Community - supporting terminally ill adults and children and their families

What: Installing new flooring at their newly acquired Montgomery County facility

Members Involved: Home Builders Care Foundation ▼