

Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

Caruso Homes Honors Waldon Woods 5th Grade Class



Jeff Caruso (left) serves pizza to Marcus Lampkin, 5th grade teacher at Waldon Woods Elementary School.

Jeff Caruso, president of Crofton-based Caruso Homes, recently visited Waldon Woods Elementary School in Clinton, MD, where he helped to honor the school's fifth grade class for having the highest number of parents participating in PTA.

"It was such a pleasure to meet Lachon Winton, the Waldon Woods principal as well as to enjoy spending time with the school's staff. They do a remarkable job and visiting the school, staff and students was a way that Caruso Homes could show our appreciation for helping to make Clinton such a special place to live," said Caruso.

A highlight of the visit to Waldon Woods Elementary School was serving pizza to the fifth grade students and their teacher, Marcus Lampkin.

Caruso Homes also hosted a dinner at the school as a "thank you for all you do" for the teachers that was attended by Ellareese Burke of Caruso Homes and Colleen Cuff, sales manager of Timber Ridge, a Caruso Homes community in Clinton.

Caruso Homes has five communities in Prince George's County including two in Clinton: Timber Ridge and Rivergate Estates. ✪

Home Builders Care Educates Youth about Homelessness

Do you know that according to the most recent assessment of homelessness by The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) there are 11,774 homeless persons residing in the DC metro area? Did you also know that this number doesn't include persons living "doubled up" in housing of friends and relatives?



The Home Builders Care Foundation Program Director **Patti Kane** recently spoke to a group of students at Loiederman Middle School in Silver Spring about homelessness in our area and local efforts to end homelessness. The presentation was made to students in the Asian American LEAD after-school program in Montgomery County. The After-School Program encourages students to explore their cultural identity, develop leadership skills, pursue academic excellence and post-secondary education, and give back to their community. HBCF's participation was part of its efforts to increase awareness about homelessness through the 2010 Help the Homeless program. ✪



A team from Home Builders Care Foundation walked to end homelessness on November 20 in Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Walkathon in Washington, DC.

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Survivor Home Completed for TASSC Construction Complete on Five Bedroom Home in Capitol Heights

The new transitional home owned and operated by Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International (TASSC) is ready to provide supportive housing for torture survivors on their journey towards healing. The new home, located in Prince George's County will provide direct support to survivors seeking political asylum in the United States. Residents anticipate moving in at Thanksgiving.

TASSC's new property was donated by the Robert L. Edwards Living Trust, of which MNCBIA member **Ian Cohen**, President of Knollwood Development is Trustee. New MNCBIA member **Sunrise Home Builders LLC**, is the Captain on the project. In addition to HBCF, the project is also

receiving key support from Shelters Plus, a private foundation started by the late developer **John Smart**, who along with his family, have been long-time supporters of TASSC and other agencies helping extremely poor families in Latin America.

Headquartered in NE Washington DC, TASSC International's mission is to end the practice of torture wherever it occurs and to empower survivors, their families and communities wherever they are. Locally, TASSC supports torture survivors from around the



Kitchen AFTER

Kitchen BEFORE

(Above) Checking out the new kitchen are, (L to R) Demissie Abebe, TASSC's Executive Director, Vince Adkins, Sunrise Home Builders, Ted Smart, HBCF President and Roxanne Smart.

even the most basic human needs. TASSC's Helping Hands program provides direct assistance to these survivors.

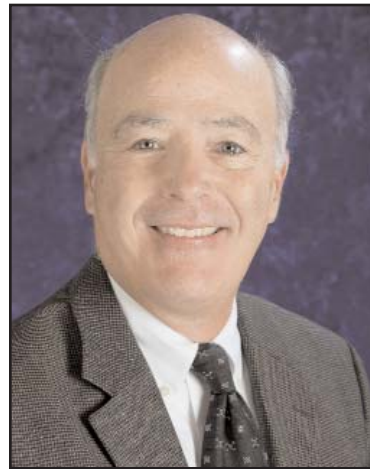
world who come to the United States seeking refuge. Many of TASSC's survivors must spend many months and even years in the Washington DC, area while their asylum cases are in process.

During this critical period of their lives, before obtaining legal residency and permits to work, many torture survivors live in poverty, lacking sufficient resources to provide themselves or their children with

As with any new home, furnishings are greatly needed. If you are interested in contributing, TASSC volunteers have created a **wish list of items at www.target.com**. The TASSC survivor home's Target List ID is 012399302282835. A grand opening event and open house will be announced shortly. ✪

Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected



Home Builders Care Foundation Elects New 2011 President

The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF), the non-profit charitable outreach organization of the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA), recently elected its new President of the Board of

Directors for 2011. Hugh Carroll, Senior Account Manager at Insurance Associates in Rockville, MD will officially assume leadership duties at the Board's first meeting in January. Mr. Carroll has served on HBCF's board of directors for four years.

Mr. Carroll has been involved in the surety bonding and comprehensive insurance business for 30 years. He is a founding board member of The Wellness Community of Greater Washington, an organization that provides support services to cancer patients and their caregivers. He has also served as Chair of the Georgetown Preparatory School Parent's Council and Chaired two elementary school principal search committees for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. A lifelong resident of the

Washington, DC, area, Mr. Carroll graduated from the University of Maryland College Park and Good Counsel High School. He and his wife Cathy have two children.

Joining Mr. Carroll on HBCF's leadership team are Vice President **Chas Stuart, Jr.**, Miller and Smith Homes, Secretary **Jack Orrick, Esq.**, Linowes and Blocher LLP, and Treasurer **Michael Goldstein**, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. **Ted Smart**, President, MDC Services Inc. is the Immediate Past President. ✪

President's Raffle

2010 MNCBIA President **Guy Curley** and **Keli Curley** have generously donated their Club Level Seats for the Redskin's final regular season home against the New York Giants at FedExField. Game day is Jan 2, 2011.



We're raffling the tickets for charity! Two winners will enjoy a pair of Club Seats plus parking. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100.

Proceeds benefit the Home Builders Care Foundation program including MNCBIA's Presidents Luncheon Toy Drive. Drawings December 4 and December 16. Go to www.mncbia.org for details. ✪

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Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders—Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

MNCBIA Members Generously Donate to Holiday Giving Drives

350 Pounds of Food Donated to Manna Food Bank

Every year, the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) organizes two holiday drives to benefit local community organizations serving the needy in our communities.

The first giving drive of the holiday season took place October 28 in Greenbelt at the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association's (MNCBIA) fall dinner meeting and awards night. That evening, HBCF collected approximately 350 pounds of food from association members and their guests. All food items collected were then donated to the Manna Food Center, the primary food bank in Montgomery County. Through their regular distribution program, Manna feeds about 3,300 families each month at 14 locations throughout the county. Hunger is a hidden, but prevalent problem in Montgomery County where one of every four county residents is at risk of hunger and 29.2 percent of all MCPS students qualify for a free or reduced price meal, an indication of the poverty we face daily in our community.



A Manna volunteer hauls in the 350 lbs. of food donated by MNCBIA members.

Holiday Toy Drive to Benefit St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home

The second drive, a Holiday Toy Drive, will take place at MNCBIA's President's Luncheon and Volunteer Appreciation Event on December 16.



Each year, approximately 150 members of the local homebuilders Association have donated approximately \$5,000 worth of new toys, gifts and gift cards to homeless and needy children in supportive housing and family residential programs in our communities.

This year our holiday toy drive will benefit St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville. St. Ann's operates three residential programs for children and teen mothers plus a bustling daycare center for at-risk young children up to age 12. The program serves more than 250 children and over 50 young mothers in their residential programs each year. St. Ann's programs recognize and enhance human dignity and worth by providing residential care and services to abused and neglected children and to single pregnant and parenting adolescents in crisis, as well as quality day care to the children of working families. Sister Mary Bader, CEO of St. Ann's is expected to attend the luncheon. St. Ann's recently celebrated its' 150th anniversary. ✪

To make a personal donation to either of these worthy charities please visit their Websites: www.mannafood.org or www.stanns.org.