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Miller and Smith Captains Building Project for Autistic Adults

Recently, a team of builders from **Miller and Smith Homes** began renovating and reconfiguring a group home operated by Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children (CSAAC). The home is owned by the nonprofit Residential Continuum Inc. (RCI) and rented exclusively to CSAAC. The goal of the building project is to add an additional bed space and improve safety at one of its group homes for disabled autistic adults.

The townhouse in Gaithersburg, MD, currently houses two higher-functioning autistic adult men. The renovation will include adding a third bedroom, adding a third full bath, completely renovating the kitchen with flooring, cabinets, counter tops, and Energy Star appliances, upgrading two existing bathrooms to address past water damage issues, removing and replacing an unsafe deck, replacing whole house worn-out carpeting with more durable flooring, and making other improvements to enhance the dignity of the home.

CSAAC is the largest provider in the nation to serve individuals with autism exclusively with comprehensive programs from early childhood through retirement. RCI/CSAAC homes provide individuals with an alternative to living in an institution or in their parents' homes, and allow residents to exercise independence as adults.

Like other organizations serving autistic individuals, CSAAC's services, especially its housing services, are in demand and growing. Nationally, it is projected that as many as 500,000 autistic children will reach adulthood and need supportive services in the next 15 years.



Mike Anderson and Tom Hyde of Miller and Smith Homes walk RCI Executive Director Patty Lutton through the almost finished bedroom.

Currently, in Montgomery County MD, according to the January 2011 statistics from the Maryland Development Disabilities Administration, a total of 729 qualified individuals are on the waiting list for housing and community services. This project will welcome a new member into the RCI/CSAAC family by adding one much needed residential unit.

Home Builders Care is so very thankful to Miller and Smith Homes, especially **Scott Alford, Mike Anderson, Eddie Barrish, Rafael Escobar, Gonzalo DeLaRiva, Rob Hitner, Tom Hyde and Chas Stuart**, for leading the charge on this wonderful project. Thanks also to the many subcontractors lending their expertise—**Bartley Corporation, Bollinger Construction, Bryant Group, Builders First Source, Builders Floor Service, Falco Industries, G & B Insulation, Global Supply, Johnson Drywall, Metcalfe Heating and Air Conditioning, Next Day Blinds, Reico, Roberto Cleaning, Spartan Electric, Stadler Nursery, TAC Tile and Titan Erosion Control**. Additional funding for this project was also received from Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund and the Home Depot Foundation. ✪

HomeAid Washington DC Completes Energy Efficient Retrofit

In October, The Home Builders Care Foundation's **HomeAid Washington DC** chapter completed its first ever energy-efficiency retrofit project at the REACH youth home, operated by Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY), a District-based nonprofit organization meeting the urgent needs of at-risk youth and their families. The project was one of the first of its kind as part of a new national Environmental Sustainability Program (ESP) recently launched by HomeAid DC's national affiliate, HomeAid America, and funded by a generous grant from the Walmart Foundation. The purpose of the ESP grant is to enable HomeAid chapters, like HomeAid DC, across the country to retrofit existing facilities serving homeless and at-risk people with energy efficient upgrades, allowing the service providers operating those facilities to increase their service delivery capacity to their clients by reducing their operating costs for energy. Organizations like Sasha Bruce will benefit with substantially lower monthly expenses for energy and water.

HomeAid DC partnered with two local companies, **Efficient Home LLC** and **Newport Partners LLC**, both energy efficiency experts and MNCBIA members, to complete several green, energy saving upgrades at the home, located in Southeast DC. The

total construction value of the project is approximately \$60,000. Both companies donated more than \$10,000 worth of in-kind services toward the project. Walmart provided \$41,000 in funding. Additionally, more than a half dozen Energy Star appliances are being provided by GE Appliances and Lighting.

In April, an energy audit conducted by Newport Partners revealed numerous areas where the urban townhome's energy efficiency could be improved. The scope of work, completed by Efficient Home, included installing new energy-efficient HVAC equipment, water heaters, and appliances. Other task items include substantial window replacements, duct and air sealing, attic insulation, energy-efficient lighting and fixtures as well as adding new sensors and controls.

The goal of this retrofit project is to reduce the REACH home's energy use by at least 40 percent, allowing Sasha Bruce to focus more of their resources on direct client care such as shelter, counseling, educational remediation, life skills development, substance abuse counseling and other positive youth development activities. It is estimated that the retrofit will save Sasha Bruce approximately \$5,000 a year in energy costs. The Department of Energy (DoE) has funded the installation of monitoring equipment to study the future energy use of the home after project completion. Newport Partners will manage this portion of the project.



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MNCBIA Members Volunteer on 9/11



In honor of September 11th and to honor a fallen soldier, HBCF and MNCBIA members undertook a community service project to help a Gold Star Mother honor her son.

Ms. Paula Davis lost her only child, Pfc Justin R. Davis, in service of our country in Afghanistan five years ago. He was only 19 years old when he was killed.

Recently, Ms. Davis lost a cherished tree in her front yard. The tree had served as a centerpiece for her proud display of memorabilia to remember her son and his honorable service. With the tree gone, things were bare. In a few short weeks, HBCF and MNCBIA lined up help.

HBCF board member **Keith Brown** of Kim Engineering signed on to coordinate the project. **Lisa Stadler** of Stadler Nurseries donated approximately \$400 in plants and mulch including a beautiful, flowering, crape myrtle tree. **Jeff Schwartz** of Greenskeeper Environmental donated bedding flowers, the use of tools and one of his expert landscapers and his truck to help.

A dozen volunteers showed up to help on a rainy Friday morning and Ms. Davis welcomed us to her home. She shared with us the remarkable story of Justin—his photos, his honors, his Gold Star Mother’s cherished keepsakes. Afterwards, volunteers went to work in the morning drizzle—digging, planting, removing weeds, seeding and mulching.

As soon as the tree was in, it was immediately graced by Ms. Davis’ US flag, her purple heart flag, and her “Freedom Isn’t Free” sign honoring Justin’s memory.

In a letter of thanks, Ms. Davis remarked, “I can now display my son’s wonderful “Memorial Mementos” I’ve received over the years in a beautiful outdoor setting. I appreciate the generosity of the home builders. They donated their time, resources and worked in the rain! I believe the Memorial Mementos I placed out in my son’s memory reminds the community that someone gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy the freedoms we have.” ☼

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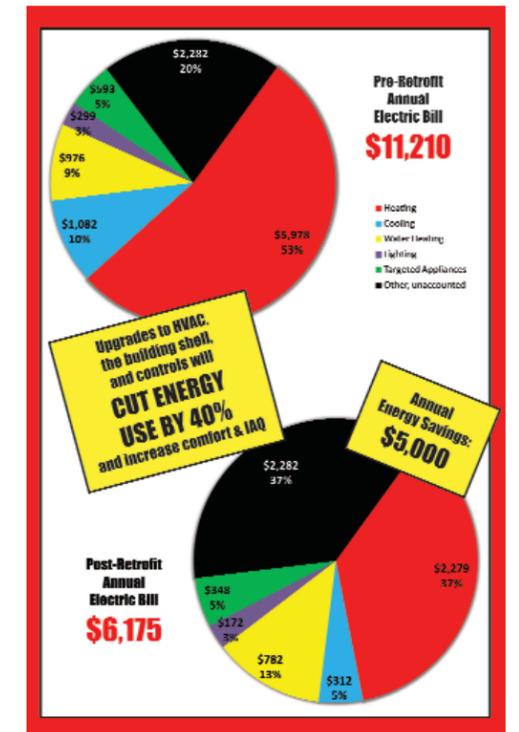
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“We are excited to have taken on one of HomeAid’s first Environmental Sustainability Projects, and are thankful to Walmart for the opportunity to assist Sasha Bruce through this green initiative,” notes **Liza Bowles**, Principal of Newport Partners and a board member of HomeAid Washington DC, an affiliated program of the Home Builders Care Foundation. “In today’s economy, it’s important that organizations like Sasha Bruce save as much as possible on operating costs, like utility bills, so that they can concentrate their resources on serving their clients.”

“Our agency has an important calling - it is to improve the lives of runaway, homeless, neglected and at-risk youth in the nation’s capital,” said Deborah Shore, Sasha Bruce Youthwork’s Executive Director. “The ongoing recession has hit homeless families particularly hard,” she said, “and the support of HomeAid Washington DC and the Home Builders Care Foundation couldn’t come at a better time. Budgets are tight, and while we struggle to stay ‘in the black’, creating energy efficiencies at this facility will also help us to stay ‘in the green’ and to give at-risk youth the tools and supplies necessary to succeed. Many thanks to Liza Bowles and all of the energy efficiency experts lending their time to this project.”

This partnership is a model approach to responsible stewardship of resources and to lifting the entire community.” ☼



Home Builders and NFL Players Team Up

This summer, the Washington, DC, NFL Players’ Association former players’ chapter worked side-by-side with our local home builders to renovate a residential wing of St. Ann’s Infant & Maternity Home in Hyattsville, MD.

HBCF coordinated the project, which converted an older, institutional-like section of the children’s residential wing into a warm, comfortable living space. The renovation was one of the first charitable outreach projects of a new nationwide joint effort of the National Association of Home Builders and the NFLPA that is bringing together local

home builders’ associations and former NFL players to strengthen communities by building or renovating homes for children or families in need and veterans.

Pictured at the ribbon cutting ceremony from left to right are, HBCF president **Hugh Carroll**, St. Ann’s Administrator **Sister Mary Bader**, former Washington Redskin **Spain Musgrove**, former Detroit Lion **John Stufflebeem**, former Redskin **Brig Owens**, HBCF board member **Rich MacDonough**, and **Marc McDonald & Dave Slough** from Mohawk Industries, Inc. Other donors to the project include Mid-South Building Supply and Atlantic Electric Supply. ☼