

Community Builders

An e-Publication of the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association
& the Home Builders Care Foundation

Giving Back to Our Community

Fall 2012

Table of Contents

[Miller and Smith Homes Honored by CSAAC Foundation](#)

[277 Walkers Register their Support for HBCF](#)

[Construction Begins at Boys Cottage](#)

[HomeAid DC Begins Energy Efficient DC Project](#)

[HBCF Elects 2013 President](#)

Miller and Smith Homes Honored by CSAAC Foundation

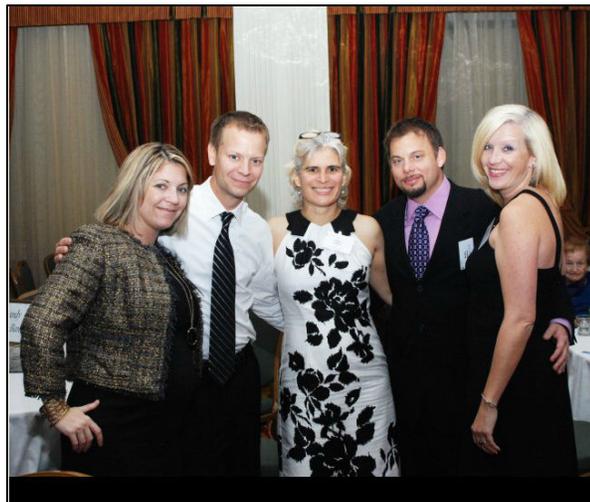
Corporate Volunteer of the Year Award Shared by the Home Builders Care Foundation



On November 9th, CSAAC's 7th Annual Honors Gala was held at the Bethesda Pooks Hill Marriott Hotel and raised nearly \$150,000 for the CSAAC Foundation. Over 300 attendees joined in the celebration.

At the CSAAC Honors Gala, **Miller and Smith Homes**, a new home builder in Maryland, Virginia and Delaware and a member of the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association

(MNCBIA), received the esteemed "Corporate Partner of the Year" award for their work in donating time and materials toward the full rehabilitation of one of the residential homes used by adults supported at CSAAC. The award was shared by the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF), the charitable construction affiliate program of MNCBIA.



The renovation project with a total construction value of \$85,000, was fully completed in late 2011 at one of CSAAC's group homes for disabled autistic adults. Facilitated by HBCF, Miller and Smith served as the project's Builder Captain, helping secure the services of more than 20 subcontractors and suppliers, and in-kind donations.

Located in Gaithersburg, MD, the townhome renovation included adding a new 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, replacing whole house worn-out carpeting with more durable flooring and making other improvements to enhance the dignity of the home.

277 Walkers Register Their Support of HBCF through the 2012 Help the Homeless Campaign

A big thank you to the many walkers and supporters for Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF)! We are very happy to report that our nonprofit has officially met all of our 2012 Help the Homeless (HTH) program goals and requirements.



By meeting these goals, HBCF is now eligible to receive additional allocations from the Fannie Mae HTH General Fund and other key incentive funds by successfully participating in the HTH program. In short, all walker fees and donations will be matched with HTH program funds.

Funds raised through HTH will help HBCF leverage the construction assistance we provide local agencies to help shelter and support our most vulnerable citizens such as youth at-risk, victims of domestic abuse, homeless men, women and children and persons with serious mental health disorders.

Everyone needs a safe place to call home.

If you missed your opportunity to help Home Builders Care through the HTH Virtual Walk, there is still time to make a year-end contribution! Simply download our [2012 Donation Form](#) or [contribute online](#). All donations are greatly appreciated!

Construction Begins at Boys Cottage



Last week, the **Home Builders Care Foundation** started work on its latest project at the ABH Boys Cottage. Located in Derwood, the Cottage is a Montgomery County-based group home that offers extensive therapeutic care and needed refuge to teenage boys with history of mental health issues and family life struggles.

The Cottage, staffed by a team of professionals from Adventist Behavioral Health, offers troubled adolescents

a caring, supportive living environment in which they can address their psychological treatment issues while becoming reintegrated into the community. Nearly all the eight adolescents in residence are referred to the Cottage following a stay in either a residential treatment facility or a psychiatric hospital.

The Cottage is a detached single family home built in 1968. The goal of the renovations is to improve and make safe the home's two main common areas used primarily for program operations and social gatherings—the frequently-used backyard and the kitchen/dining/group meeting areas. Both spaces have been slowly falling apart.

Prior to renovation work, there was no direct access to the backyard from the house, so to go into the backyard, the boys and staff had to go out the front door and walk around the outside of the house. Backyard improvements will provide the boys a safe refuge area to exercise and relax, as well as better accommodate daily one-on-one and group counseling sessions.

The construction value of the project is near \$60,000. The Cottage is receiving a brand new kitchen, with upgraded cabinets, countertops, appliances, flooring and additional storage space. In the backyard, a large deck with steps will replace an existing smaller deck. A new gazebo is also being built and an old swimming pool area is being re-worked into an asphalt half basketball court with super court goal and benches. Gutter replacement and extensive landscaping is also in the works.

The residents are very excited about the improvements. On one recent Friday afternoon after school, most all of the boys volunteered to help HBCF Builder Captain **Ted Smart of MDC Services, LLC** with the demolition of the deck, fencing, and old pool equipment. Each of them earned Student Service Learning (SSL) Hours, required for high school graduation, and all were treated to a pizza, sodas and cookies afterwards. All three of Ted's own sons also helped out.



In a report to the HBCF board, he commented, *"It was good to have my own boys (Riley 14, Aidan 12 and Grady 9) helping out. I couldn't have done it without them and all the other boys at the Cottage who helped out. It was fun to see teenage boys destroying stuff when they're supposed to. I was really amazed to hear a few of their individual stories, which pull at your heart-strings. Listening to them gave me a new perspective on the services the Cottage provides, and the plight everyday teenagers face when they are forsaken by family that either won't or are unable to take care of them during tumultuous years. Despite their circumstances, these boys had great attitudes and you have to love 'em for that."*

HomeAid DC Begins Energy-Efficiency Project at DC Apartment Building

Mitsubishi Generously Donates All HVAC Equipment to Retrofit



Under Green Construction! The Home Builders Care Foundation's HomeAid Washington DC chapter recently began work on its second Environmental Sustainability Program (ESP) construction project.

ESP is HomeAid America's national program funded by a generous grant from the Walmart Foundation. The purpose of ESP is 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. With each project, a primary goal is to reduce energy costs by 40 percent.

A few weeks ago, work began at a six-unit apartment building in NE Washington. The brick building, constructed in 1956, is owned by Community Connections DC (CC DC), a non-profit mental health agency serving men, women and children in the nation's capital. CC DC has long been committed to innovative and compassionate mental health, addictions, and residential services for the District of Columbia's most vulnerable citizens.



Prior to renovation, each 1BR unit, approximately 600 sq. ft. in size, had its own antiquated HVAC furnace located in a mechanical closet in the kitchen. During the energy audit, it was determined that a few of the systems may have been nearly 50 years old! These old units have since been removed and are being replaced with high-efficiency mini-split ductless heating/cooling systems, with all equipment generously donated and supplied by Mitsubishi Electric Cooling and Heating. The now-empty mechanical closets can be used for other purposes.



(Above) Mike Moore of Newport Partners inspects the old mechanical closet and ductwork.

(Left) New high-efficiency mini-split ductless heating/cooling systems were donated by Mitsubishi

Newport Partners LLC, is serving as Builder Captain with much work being supported by Community Connections' own trade team and by Frosty's Heating and Cooling, a Mitsubishi-trained installer.

HBCF Elects 2013 President

The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF), MNCBIA's non-profit charitable construction affiliate, recently elected its new President of the Board of Directors for 2013. **Liza Bowles**, Executive Director of Newport Partners LLC in Davidsonville, MD will officially assume leadership duties at the Board's first meeting in January 2013. HBCF heartfully extends its gratitude to its outgoing President **Hugh Carroll**, Insurance Associates, who served as President in 2011 and 2012.

—END—

CONTACT US

Home Builders Care Foundation

Patti B. Kane, Director
1738 Elton Rd., Ste. 200
Silver Spring, MD 20903
Ph: 301-445-5410

www.hbcf.org

pkane@mncbia.org



Maryland-National Capital BIA

Kelly H. Grudziecki, Communications Director
1738 Elton Rd., Ste. 200
Silver Spring, MD 20903
Ph: 301-445-5457

www.mncbia.org

kgrudziecki@mncbia.org

