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Giving Back to Our Community

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Charity Paint Transforms the Rainbow Place Shelter

Rainbow Place is a winter emergency overnight shelter for women experiencing homelessness. The sheltering season runs from November 1st – March 31st. The shelter has been in operation for over 30 years.

Largely run by a small staff and dedicated volunteers on a shoestring budget, Rainbow Place has aimed to provide a safe, caring environment where all guests are

treated with dignity and compassion. The women sleep and are cared for in a large multi-purpose room of a commercial building adjacent to a local Rockville church.

This past October, over two days, a team of 34 volunteers from the building industry helped re-paint the concrete walls of Rainbow Place



Shelter's main room which serves as the sleeping space for up to 26 women experiencing homelessness during the winter months.

The project was guided by a team of painting professionals from Sherwin-Williams Paint and Wallcovering, who also helped select the color palette and donated \$1,500 worth of materials.

"The paint made such a difference." commented Rainbow Place Director Nancy Sushinsky. *"You are an amazing group!"*

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Holiday Toy Drive to Benefit Grassroots Crisis Intervention

Please help bring joy to a needy child this holiday season by participating with the MBIA/Home Builders Care Holiday Toy Drive.

This year's beneficiary is the Grassroots Crisis Intervention in Columbia.

Please deliver your donation of NEW unwrapped gift (with tags) - please no stuffed animals - to the



Maryland Center for Housing in Fulton or give them to a staff member at an upcoming MBIA committee/

council meeting no later than December 14th.

Collected toys will be donated for

distribution to needy families in Grassroots programs. Thank you for your kindness. Happy Holidays!

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Rosedale House Is First Renovated Through New Partnership Between The Arc Baltimore and HBCF

The first house to be renovated as part of a new partnership between The Arc Baltimore and the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) was opened Nov. 10.

Councilwoman Cathy Bevins was on hand to present a Baltimore County Council Resolution marking the occasion. An open house event marked the renovation - which included the complete transformation of a kitchen and dining room so that they are accessible to the three individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live in the home

"We are so impressed by the generosity and quality craftsmanship of the member companies in the Home Builders Care Foundation that participated in this renovation," says Stephen H. Morgan, Executive Director of The Arc Baltimore. *"They transformed this home and made it truly accessible to the people who live there for the daily tasks of cooking and cleaning and doing laundry - things most of us take for granted."*

The total value of the renovation was nearly \$56,000. HBCF member companies providing in-kind contributions included:

- T.W. Ellis
- John H Myers & Son
- Conestoga Tile
- Smart Energy Systems
- Garrison Plumbing
- Bob Ward Companies
- Humpty Dumpsters and SBL Electric

Tim Ellis, Builder Captain and a member of HBCF's board of directors, notes, "At

T.W. Ellis, we are fortunate and blessed, and we are truly thankful for that. It allows us the privilege of working on projects like this for a great organization like The Arc Baltimore."



The Arc Baltimore's Community Living Division assists more than 280 people in homes

and apartments in Baltimore City and County. Individuals are supported so they can

than 6,000 Baltimore City and Baltimore

County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their fami-



Before

live as independently as possible and enjoy their friends, family, hobbies, and other interests.

In all, The Arc Baltimore currently supports more

lies. Now that renovations to the Rosedale house are complete, HBCF and The Arc Baltimore will meet to decide what house will be renovated next.



After

Transforming Buildings, Transforming Lives

The Home Builders Care Foundation, the 501 (c)(3) charitable organization affiliated with the Maryland Building Industry Association has been honored by Open Arms Housing, a Washington DC based nonprofit providing housing and supportive services to formerly homeless women.

The Award of Excellence was presented to HBCF at OAH's 5th Annual Transforming Buildings, Transforming Lives Celebration event held on September 21 at the Pepco Edison Place Gallery in the District. HBCF was recognized for its contributions of over \$75,000 in-kind construction services to the redevelopment of two apartment buildings owned

and operated by Open Arms. These two buildings now provide 20 new units of permanent supportive housing to vulnerable women who have struggled with mental illness and homelessness for many years.

HBCF board member Ted Smart, MDC Services LLC, was on hand to accept the award. *"Home Builders understand and believe that everyone deserves the dignity of a home and a place to rest their head as they deal with life's stresses. Our industry is proud to have helped in a small way to*

create a safe haven for the women with Open Arms."



OAH was the first organization in Washington DC to implement the "Housing First" approach for women in a single site building. The "Housing First" concept provides

housing for people directly from the streets without preconditions to gain housing. In 2009, OAH opened The Dunbar for 16 women and in 2015, Owen House opened to house for 4 additional women. Today, Open Arms continues to grow and provide more supportive services to women in sites scattered throughout the District.



HUD released The 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress this past week. A total of 549,928 individuals were homeless on a single night in January 2016, representing a 3% decline in homelessness from January 2015 and a 15% decline from 2007. The report is based on the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count.

In Maryland, the total number of homeless individuals was 7,689 which was a 8.4% decline from 2015 and a 29.1% decline from 2010.

Security Development Corporation Honored

The Community Foundation of Howard County recently presented its fifth annual Philanthropist of the Year awards, which recognizes philanthropists



in Howard County who have shown leadership in philanthropy and who, through their giving, have brought positive change in the community.

One of the honorees was MBIA member Security

Development Corporation, a firm specializing in commercial and residential projects including retail shopping centers and multi-family housing communities. The firm's partners, (including HBCF board member and MBIA Presi-

dent Elect for 2017 Steve Breden) have led and supported Howard County organizations for decades. These have ranged from the Howard County Conservancy to Howard County General Hospital and Home Builders Care. Congrats!

Charity Paint Transforms the Rainbow Place Shelter. continued

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A total of 117 volunteers hours were needed to enhance the space into a more warm, caring and home-like environment. The project was part of the Maryland Day to Serve Program and was partially funded by the Walmart Foundation.

Special thanks to Sherwin-Williams team captain Judy Jensen and

volunteers from the following organizations:

- Basic Development Co.
- Bob Ward Companies
- Charles P Johnson Associates
- HH Hunt
- Howard Bank
- Insurance Associates
- Kevson Services Group
- Maryland Building Industry Association
- Mid-Atlantic Builders

- Mitchell Best Homes
- Newport Partners
- Rockville Presbyterian Church

- Sherwin-Williams Paint and Wallcoverings
- State of Maryland

**117
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HOURS**



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Home Builders Care Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

For over 30 years, we have been building to make a difference in our communities.

Our work helps non-profits & local governments meet the challenges of providing a safety net for our most vulnerable citizens.

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A buyer needs an annual salary of about \$56,000 to afford a typical home in the Baltimore area, according to the latest analysis by HSH.com, a company that tracks mortgage and loan information. In Washington, D.C., a buyer needs a salary of about \$78,460 to afford a home priced at the median.

Professional Women in Building Help the Homeless

MBIA's Professional Women in Building Council (PWB) partnered once again with the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) to conduct its second community service-themed gathering at the Maryland Center for Housing (MCH).

At PWB's October lunch meeting, the group got together to supply and prepare close to 200 snack packs to-go for the homeless. Each assembled snack pack contained not only nutritional to-go snacks but also key Helpline and Crisis Hotline information to help connect neighbors in need to community resources and assistance programs throughout Maryland.

"The packs are intended to keep on hand in your



car to give to someone in need you may see on the street," commented Maggie Witherup, an environmental attorney with Gordon Feinblatt. "It's a simple act of kindness and

a little help for the HOMELESS
READY to GIVE
Snack Packs TO GO



a tangible way to help those less fortunate than ourselves in a time of need."

A number of the packs have already been distributed and sold to MBIA members. Additional packs are now readily available at the MCH for a small suggested donation of a few dollars.

Proceeds from the pack sales will support HBCF. Just stop by MCH before the new year. Thank you PWB!

Giving Tuesday—All Year Long

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