

Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

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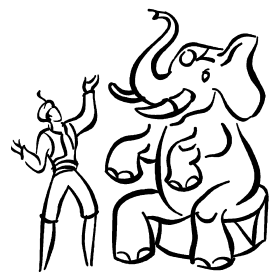
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Protecting Homes From Fire

Metropolitan Fire Protection has been working with Hartford County's Habitat for Humanity to provide the fire sprinkler systems for two new houses under construction in Aberdeen, MD. Not only have two lucky families been given a fresh start and new home, but students at the Harford County Technical School (HCTS) have also been given field instruction to brighten their futures.

A representative from Metropolitan, **Bert Fleming**, gave an instructional class on the installation and applications of residential fire sprinkler systems to the students at HCTS. Immediately following this class, the students were taken into the field to install the sprinkler systems in the two habitat homes. ▼

A Day at the Circus



Hundreds of area children enjoyed a special benefit performance of the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus in March. Children from Alexandria, Montgomery County and National Institutes of Health (NIH) joined together to enjoy some time in the ring with benefactor **Norman Dreyfuss**. Dreyfuss, executive vice president of The IDI Group Companies of Arlington, VA, and IDI President Giuseppe Cecchi purchased 200 circus tickets for families within the Family Self-Sufficiency Program of the Alexandria, VA, Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, MD.

The proceeds from ticket sales benefited three children's charities at the NIH: Special Love for Children with Cancer; The Children's Inn at NIH; and Friends of the Clinical Center. ▼

Kaine Homes Spearheads Effort for Habitat for Humanity

Kaine Homes partnered with Patuxent Habitat for Humanity to build a brand new home for a deserving Calvert County family. The new three-bedroom rambler is located in the Chesapeake Ranch Estate in Calvert County. The company donated money, materials and labor of the employees of Kaine Homes and its many subcontractors and suppliers.

The grateful family moved into their new home this past February. ▼

Lending a Hand To Local Fair

Ben Dyer Associates, Inc., (BDAI) a Southern Maryland based engineering, planning and surveying firm, continues its strong support of the Prince George's County Fair. Participants on the Fair's committee are BDAI Permit Specialist, **Penny Dorsey**, as the Fair's Second Vice President and President **Doug Hansford** as Committee Chair.

Additional Ben Dyer involvement includes site planning and site layout together with volunteers who help with set-up, electrical layout, parking and operating the Fair office, telephones and radio communications.

The Fair will take place on September 7-10, 2006 in Upper Marlboro, MD. The Fair is the oldest continuously operated fair in Maryland and effectively erects, operates and dismantles a small town in the period of two weeks. ▼

Winchester Homes Honored for "25 Acts of Charity"

Winchester Homes was honored by the National Housing Endowment (the philanthropic arm of NAHB) for its "25 Acts of Charity" program that encourages employees to donate their time and labor to selected charitable activities.

The company was awarded the *2005 Silver National Housing Endowment Builder Achievement Award for Outstanding Community Service Award* - which included a \$5,000 donation to be directed to the charity of its choice. Winchester directed its award donation toward Martha's Place, an all-women drug rehabilitation wellness program in Baltimore. ▼

Delivering Christmas in April

For the past 20 years, members of MNCBIA have generously contributed building materials, sponsor funds, and most importantly "hands-on" labor in support of the annual Rebuilding Together / Christmas In April (CinA) program throughout the entire Maryland-National Capital Area. CinA is a non-denominational volunteer organization with a mission to preserve and revitalize homes of low income, elderly, or physically challenged individuals. The program culminates with a National Rebuilding Day on the last Saturday in April. This year, in Prince George's County, over a half dozen MNCBIA members graciously stepped up to "adopt a house." Here are some of their stories.



(Above) The team from NVHomes. (Right) Timberlake's "Extreme Makeover Team."

This year's rebuilding day of April 29, 2006 was sunny and beautiful. On that fabulous day the **Timberlake Homes** "Extreme Makeover Team" transformed the home of a 77-year-old widow in Brandywine. Eighteen volunteers from Timberlake Homes participated in the improvement to the home, which included the replacement of windows, exterior doors, gutters, and exterior railings. In addition, the makeover team also installed new electrical fixtures, upgraded a bathroom and did extensive exterior painting.

For a fifth straight year, **Caruso Homes**, led by House Captain **Shane Sullivan** with assistance from **Tim Abbott**, **Bill Kain**, and **Bob Tigie**, adopted a home. Work on the Caruso Homes project in Upper Marlboro began a week before "Rebuilding Day" with Mr. Sullivan generously spending much of his personal time helping to complete all of the needed tasks. The homeowners, a 71-year-old woman and her 51-year old son, are both diabetic, have kidney failure, and use walkers. The Caruso

Homes team replaced a storm door, locks, and front porch screening, repaired and painted a handicapped ramp, installed a new ADA-approved toilet, cleaned gutters, painted the exterior, removed debris, and installed all new landscaping in the front yard. Additional assistance was provided by some of Caruso's subcontractors; **Framing Unlimited**, **Site Maintenance**, **Spark's Plumbing** and **Renee's Painting Services**. On the word of Shane Sullivan, "We all take great pride in giving back to the community; there is an indescribable satisfaction in helping individuals and their families and improving their lives."

Another MNCBIA member who has been a multiple-year participant in the program is **K. Hovnanian Homes**. This year's adopted house, located in Oxon Hill, is home to 74-year-old woman, her disabled daughter, and three grandchildren. With assistance from subcontractors **Arco Iron Works**, **Baragon Construction**, **Custom Touch Interiors**, **R.F.C. Framing Contractors** and **Southern MD Recycling**, the K. Hovnanian Homes rebuilding team undertook approximately

\$8,500 worth of repairs. Task items included replacing new front and rear entry doors, replacing the concrete stoop and front walk, installing new handrails, repairing gutters and cleaning up the yard, repairing basement stairs, fixing ceiling drywall and painting, and installing new flooring in kitchen and bathroom. K. Hovnanian's **Shon Gilmore** served as House Captain with **Russ Pepin** as Co-Captain. **Evyette Bailey**, **Chris Meyers** and **Justin Beam** also contributed to the project.

The house assigned to the Maryland South Division of **NVHomes** was home to a single mother and

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Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected

Home Builders Care Program Honored For Excellence—Twice!

The **Home Builders Care Foundation** earned MNCBIA special recognition by winning two awards for association excellence in the field of community service.

The first Award of Excellence was bestowed upon MNCBIA as part of the *2006 Associations Advance America Awards* program, a national competition sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives. The Maryland Society of Association Executives also honored the HBCF program as a *2006 Circle of Excellence* Winner.

MNCBIA received the awards as a tribute to its successes with the Home Builders Care charitable outreach program in 2005. In the past year, the foundation undertook a total of 14 shelter-related community service projects in collaboration with local non-profit organizations. The multiple rebuilding projects, valued at more than \$330,000, have helped improve the quality of life for over 500 needy persons in our communities and have helped local groups preserve their valuable resources for ongoing social services to the homeless and other at-risk individuals. ▼

Industry Provides Landscape Plans for Local Elementary School

MNCBIA's Prince George's County Liaison Committee and Environmental Committee completed a draft "Master" landscape plan, with "Phase I Entrance Concepts" at the end of 2005 for the beautification of Morningside Elementary School in Suitland, MD. The Liaison Committee has worked with Morningside since the beginning of the 2002 school year and has provided mentors for a number of the grade school children in need of adult direction, judges and materials for the school's Science Fair in 2005, and money for bookcases for the classrooms.

Members from the Liaison Committee, led by **Eliot Powell** of Whitehall Development, and the Environment Committee, led by **Steve Nardella**, Winchester Homes, **Dusty Rood**, Rodgers Consulting Inc. and **Michael Peterson**, Rodgers Associates, met with Principal Ezekiel Bloyce to get input from the school. The team is now waiting to meet with the Board of Education to make a final decision on going forward with the changes.

With the school year ending, the hope is that work can be completed prior to the September opening in 2006. ▼

Building Neighborhoods

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Christmas in April (cont. from page 1)

her three children. The oldest son, a survivor of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and a devastating cardiac arrest two years ago, is a nonverbal quadriplegic. Organized by **Brad Wilson** and **Kevin Huber**, the project received an overwhelming tremendous boost from NVHomes subcontractors who not only donated the necessary equipment and supplies, but in several instances the appropriate manpower as well, including, **Caymen Enterprises**, **Wayne Drywall**, **Probuilt Construction/Trex/Zimmerman's Ace Hardware**, **TM Electric**, **VarcoMac Electric**, **Newport Concrete**, **Arbor Landscaping**, **G&B Insulation**, **Masters Plumbing**, **Peacemaker Floors**, **Trinity**, and **EAI**. Annemarie Cousino, NV's Administrative Manager, commented "It's easy to take for granted the resources available to us here at NVHomes. It's rewarding to have the opportunity to utilize those resources to make a difference in the lives of such a deserving family." ▼

Home Builders Care Spruces Up Shelter

Four worn-down bathrooms in one of our area's largest homeless shelters received a much-needed overhaul thanks to the Home Builders Care Foundation. Located in Capitol Heights and operated by Prince George's County, Shepherds Cove Shelter is a much-in-demand 100-bed emergency and transitional shelter for homeless women and children.

Prior to construction, some toilets and showers in the bath-



Bozzuto's Bill Barton lends his painting skills to the project.

rooms did not function, water pooled dangerously outside the shower stalls, and there was no adequate facility to change or bathe young children. Today, each bathroom pleasingly shines anew with solid entry doors, clean tile flooring, high-quality partitions, improved lighting, fresh paint, and brand new accessible shower stalls, toilets, baby changing stations and sinks.

Calvert Liaison Committee Supports SkillsUSA Competition

MNCBIA sponsored students from the Calvert Career Center in the carpentry, cabinetmaking, masonry and team-works portions of the regional *SkillsUSA* competition held in Prince Frederick, MD in February. MNCBIA's Calvert County Liaison Committee coordinated donations of building materials from a number of companies including, **Dunkirk Supplies**, **Lite House, Ltd.** and **Hughes Supplies**.

In early May the Liaison Committee held a presentation ceremony at the Calvert Career Center to honor those winning students. Joining Committee members were Calvert County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Horsman and Commissioners Wilson Parran, Susan Shaw and Linda Kelley. Immediate Past President **Jim Kettler**, Kettler Brothers Homes, was also on hand to distribute gift certificates donated from Sneades Ace Home Centers along with certificates of recognition to the winning students. Two additional students from the Career Center were also presented with Achievement Awards for excellence in attendance, academics and the development of their trade. ▼

The construction value of the project was originally estimated by County sources to be over \$100,000. However, through an in-kind matching-fund arrangement with HBCF, the county is expected to save well over \$60,000 in construction costs.

The project team was led by **Bozzuto Homes, Inc.**, specifically Senior Vice President/Director of Homebuilding Services **Mark Barberich**, Pre-Construction/Purchasing Manager **Dave Coppersmith** and on-site Supervisor **Bill Barton**, who graciously extended his retirement by a few weeks in order to complete the project.

Many additional subcontractors also contributed to the success of the project including, **Baltimore Door and Frame**, **Creative Touch Interiors**, **Frank Waters Inc.**, **G & I Contracting**, **J.O Construction**, **JW & Sons Drywall**, **Rommel Electrical Systems**, **Masters Inc.**, **Metropolitan Industries Inc.**, and **Reico**. ▼

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