Contributing to Community

Homebuilders-Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring



The happy homeowner admires her new cabinets.

Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc. Helps Renovate DC Home

Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc. lent its assistance to the Jewish Housing and Community Development Corporation of Greater Washington, D.C. (Yachad) during its annual *Sukkot in April* (similar to *Rebuilding Together*.)

On the last Sunday of April, hundreds of Jewish volunteers from synagogues and Jewish organizations come together for *Sukkot in April* to renovate area homes of residents who are too elderly, disabled or poor to keep up with the needed repairs themselves.

Mid-Atlantic's Eric Gee and Phil Hugel installed kitchen cabinets and helped with interior trim work for a home in Washington, DC. "Mid-Atlantic Builders is proud to be a part of this wonderful housing community service project," said Stephen Paul. Mid-Atlantic's Executive Vice President.

Recognizing Student Achievements

MNCBIA's Calvert County Liaison Committee continued its five year long tradition of honoring the achievements of students in the trades programs at the Calvert Career Center and presented five students with certificates of recognition at the May 8th meeting of the Calvert Career Center Local Advisory Committee (LAC). Vice Chairman for the Calvert County Liaison committee, James Kettler (at right with winners) made the presentation to the students. He noted that the achievements of these students do not occur in a vacuum and discussed the importance of support and involvement by the community and the industry, as well as the school system and instructors. Awards were presented to Chris Keely, a Level 2 carpentry student and Junior at



Calvert High; Doug Thorp, a Level 2 carpentry student and Senior at Calvert High; Jarett Smith, a Level 3 masonry student and Senior at Northern High; Ben Wood, a Level 3 carpentry student and Senior at Huntingtown High; and Chris Sady, a Level 2 carpentry student and Senior at Huntingtown High. ❖



Life is Good for HomeAid Washington DC

On April 4, Peggy Molloy and Marchelle Partridge of **Newland Communities Mid-Atlantic** presented Patti Kane of **HomeAid Washington DC** with a check for \$20,000, proceeds from last October's *Life is Good Pumpkin Festival* at Clarksburg Town Center. In 2007, HomeAid was selected as the national beneficiary of Newland's *Life is good* Pumpkin Festivals that were held in 11 of its residential communities across the country.

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Supporting Our Service Members

Every day, our country's wounded servicemen and women return from combat. many to long-term rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The family members of our wounded warriors often stay at Walter Reed's Mologne House Hotel for months at a time while their loved ones receive specialized care.





(Above) Secretary of the Army Peter Geren assists a wounded solider at the ribbon cutting for the new Mologne House Courtyard.



The Yellow Ribbon Fund is a non-profit organization whose mission is to welcome and support wounded war-

riors returning from combat. **Ed Quinn**, President, T.W. Perry, Inc., a Yellow Ribbon Fund board member and an MNCBIA member, served as the program chairman of the extensive six-month courtyard renovation project.

Yellow Ribbon Fund cofounder Denis Neill stated,
"The courtyard program
started the same way as all
the Yellow Ribbon Fund
programs started: meeting the
needs of injured service members that are not met by others. The soldiers and their
families talked about enjoying

barbeques, playing with their children and just being outdoors with each other."

"Home Builders Care is extremely proud to support the Yellow Ribbon Fund," commented HBCF President Ted Smart. "The beautiful new outdoor space they have created at Walter Reed will be a welcome retreat for wounded servicemen and women and their families during their time of healing." \$\Pi\$

(Left) Yellow Ribbon Fund cofounder Denis Neill poses with HBCF board members Hugh Carroll and Cecilia Hodges at the Rose Mologne Gazebo, donated by Home Builders Care.

Creating Homes

Homebuilders-Responsive, Responsible And Respected



K-Banker Runs for Shelter

On January 24 in front of 300 MNCBIA members, **Brett Egloff**, Vice President in the Construction to Permanent Division of K Bank announced his *Run for Shelter*—his personal challenge to help raise awareness and money for the **Home Builders Care Foundation**(HBCF). For months and weeks following that fateful evening,

Brett endured hard training in preparation to run the Frederick Half Marathon. He forced himself to wake before dawn and take to the quiet streets to train. He ran and ran, often questioning himself as to why he put himself in this situation. But he struggled on, keeping his family and friends in tune to his progress and regularly reaching out to potential sponsors for support. He faced his challenge one step at a time.

On May 4, Brett completed his mission by crossing the finish line at a time of 2 hours 20 minutes and 37 seconds in his first ever road race and **raising more than \$11,000** for Home Builders Care.

When interviewed after the race, Brett commented on his endeavor. "I feel very fortunate to be associated with the Home

Builders Care Foundation. The work they do is vital and completely necessary for our community. This challenge was one that was very personal to me and symbolic to the home building industry. We are in tough times, as we all know. We believe there is an end in site but we have to get there one painful mile at a time. At certain times, we may want to give up and step off to the side of the road, but we can't as it's not in our nature. We are the helpers, the builders and the providers. The miles get harder and the roads tougher to traverse, yet we endure to get to the finish line. As we go through these difficult times we must acknowledge that there are those that are less fortunate than us and without our effort they wouldn't have a roof over their head or have an opportunity to be a part of our community. We must consider this and be a thoughtful participant as we walk through our daily lives. It would be wonderful if this event were a starting point for many more to get involved and carry on our proud commitment to serve our community and all of those in it. I look forward to the next Run for Shelter and hope you will join in to support this important mission. I'll see you next year."

HBCF President **Ted Smart** commented, "Brett sets the new standard for tenacity in fund raising. Not only did he come up with the Run for Shelter idea, he obtained all the pledges, raised the big bucks and finished the race in good time to boot. We are all very proud his accomplishments and grateful for his generous commitment to run in support of Home Builders Care. It's an honor to have people like Brett support us and we are delighted in the prospects of making the Run for Shelter an annual affair."

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The Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA) is a regional organization of more than 730 companies representing the interests of more than 18,000 individuals in the building and development industry operating in Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties in Maryland and in the city of Washington DC. The MNCBIA is affiliated with the Maryland State Builders Association (MSBA) and is a local affiliated Chapter of the National Association of Home Builders.

Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders-Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

Craftstar Homes Lead Renovation at UCP Group Home

In partnership with **Home Builders Care Foundation,**Inc., Craftstar Homes led a renovation project to improve a group home in Waldorf, MD. Owned and operated by United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Southern Maryland, the residence is now home to four disabled adult women.
Thanks to Craftstar and senior production manager **Greg Lauer** (seen in picture below), the home received some much-needed renovation and repairs in April.



The project included the reconfiguration of an oversized bedroom into two new bedrooms in order to allow UCP to increase its housing capacity for client service as well as maintain needed privacy for all its residents. Other upgrades included the installation of a new accessible roll-in shower for wheelchair-bound residents, new laminate flooring and carpeting, and the reinforcement of numerous items in the

home for improved safety and durability. Contributing to the project were **Ben Lewis Plumbing**, **Builders First Source**, **Creative Touch Interiors**, **Magallanes Carpentry** and **Rinker's Drywall and Painting**.

UCP of Southern Maryland has been serving adults and children with disabilities in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties for over 10 years. Their mission is to positively affect the quality of life for persons with disabilities and their families by providing quality human services. UCP's residential services program provides disabled individuals a home-like residence with supports as needed throughout Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties on Maryland. ❖

Historic Boys Home Gets a Makeover

This spring, in partnership with **Home Builders Care Foundation** (HBCF), **Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc.**(MAB) helped change the lives of disadvantaged youth living at the Langworthy Boys' Home, operated by Hearts & Homes for Youth (HHY). In its efforts, MAB brought together its business partners, employees and friends to improve the 86-year old home that provides long-term residential treatment for young adolescent males. The HBCF project included installing new kitchen countertops, building a new brick patio in the backyard, patching walls and re-shingling of the roof, painting a wraparound front and back porch and putting in new dining room ceiling tiles. The project culminated with a community day of service for MAB employees.

"Mid-Atlantic Builders has a long history of philanthropic involvement with the citizens of Prince George's County," said **Roger Lebbin**, President and Founder of Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc. "The Home Builders Care Foundation is close to my heart and we are thrilled to help make the Langworthy Boys' Home a better place to live under their auspices."

Hearts and Homes for Youth is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of helping troubled youths who are abused, neglected or have run away, to become independent, productive adults. Professional staff is provided 24-hours a day and offers important role modeling for the development of personal responsibility, skill building and strong character. The home also provides individual and group therapy, employability development and placement, educational advocacy and support. \Box

