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Home Builders Care Foundation Honored by Housing Unlimited, Inc.



The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) was honored at Housing Unlimited Inc.'s (HUI) 2012 Welcome Home Celebration event on May 22. The HUI honor award recognized HBCF's long-standing support and in-kind contributions to HUI on a number of renovation projects at their many homes across Montgomery County.

HUI is one of HBCF's fabulous partner nonprofit organizations. Headquartered in Silver Spring, HUI provides independent supportive housing for people with psychiatric disabilities. Currently, HUI owns and manages 48 homes serving 140 individuals. With over 300 people on their waiting list for housing, HUI is planning to grow. The organization recently announced it will be purchasing its 50th home, an MPDU in North Bethesda, from Michael Harris Homes.

Sip Spirits for a Good Cause

Join the Home Builders Care Foundation at Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard on Sunday, June 10, from 2:00pm- 5:00pm, for a relaxed community event to Help the Homeless - featuring wine tasting and live music. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for youth. Attend the event and help us meet our 2012 Help the Homeless Program goals! [Click here](#) to view



the event flyer. Register online by [clicking here](#). (Register by June 1 and receive a Help the Homeless T-Shirt!) Sponsorships for the Event are also available. The vineyard will be open to the public and the HBCF portion of the day will take place on site. The format offers an excellent opportunity to promote local home builders and the good work we do in our community. For more info, email [Patti Kane](#) or call her at 301-445-5410.

FACTS Celebrates Newest Student Built House



The latest house to be constructed by the Foundation of Automotive and Construction Technology (FACTS) was dedicated on May 4. The house resides in Clinton, MD and was the work of more than 200 Prince George's County Public School students.

FACTS is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high school students the skills and work opportunities necessary for success in

the competitive job market for the 21st century. This year marks the 37th home that has been built since the inception of the program in 1981. This year's house is the first one to be green-certified, based on standards from the Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, and also qualifies for the EPA Energy Star.

More than 100 students and guests took part in the dedication ceremony, including County Executive Rushern Baker, Board of Education Member and FACTS Board Member Donna Hathaway Beck and Superintendent of Schools Dr. William R. Hite. The ceremony honored the outstanding work of students and teachers in the carpentry, masonry, electrical, plumbing, drafting/CAD, HVAC, interior design, and computer networking programs. Businesses partners were also recognized for the key role they play in the success of the FACTS program.

MNCBIA's own **Diane Swenson** was on hand to present the Carpentry & Masonry Awards. Diane stood in for BIA member **Bill Bilo**, Dico Construction who is a member of the FACTS Board of Directors, as well as a number of other MNCBIA members including, **Rob Jacobs**, Acacia Federal Savings Bank, **Roy Kilby**, K & P Builders, **Steve Mauersberg**, Ben Dyer Associates, Inc., **Stephen Paul**, Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc., **Bill Shipp**, O'Malley Miles Nylen & Gilmore, as well as Diane. Board members are involved with the purchase and development of the land for the project, onsite guidance and selling the house. They also pick up expenses that the school system can't cover as well as donate construction materials and their time to keep the program going. A number of other MNCBIA members also donate to the program including,

Builders First Source, Creative Touch Interiors, K. Hovnanian Homes, William H. Metcalfe & Sons, Metropolitan Fire Protection and NAI Michael Companies, Inc.

Sales from the project generated more than \$7 million and proceeds are used as seed monies for the following year's house.

MCBIA Members Contribute Expertise to Sasha Bruce Youthwork's ReGeneration House

A new home for homeless youth is being built in Washington, DC. And a key handful of local building industry members are part of the project's success.

The Regeneration House project started back in July 2011, when Sasha Bruce Youthwork accepted the donation of two adjoining lots at 5032 D Street SE in Ward 7. The property was donated by the Robert L. Edwards Living Trust, of which MNCBIA member Ian Cohen, President of Knollwood



Development is Trustee. The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF), who was working with Sasha Bruce on two projects at the time, recommended the organization for the donation.

Sasha Bruce's vision for the property was to rehabilitate the existing, abandoned structure on one of these lots for use as affordable, service-enriched transitional housing for homeless youth. Sasha Bruce's own workforce development program, YouthBuild, was also eager to use the donated property as its very own, hands-on training site, and community service endeavor for the young people enrolled in YouthBuild.

The rehabilitation project was jump-started in December 2011 when Sasha Bruce was selected by Reed Construction Data, Hanley Wood and AEC Cares for a one-day site renovation project on May 16, 2012 in conjunction with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) 2012 National Convention, taking place in Washington, DC. On that day, over one hundred building industry professionals donated their time and expertise to help move Sasha Bruce's vision into reality.

But of course, much work had to be done to prepare for the one-day of incredible service. The first step was to have the home designed. Having worked on another project for Sasha Bruce via HBCF's HomeAid DC chapter, architects **John Stovall** and **Robert Black** of Stovall Smith Neyman Architects were familiar with Sasha Bruce and quickly stepped up to help. When HBCF put the word out that Sasha Bruce needed a construction manager for the project, another MNCBIA member, **Superior Home Services**, also

became involved. Several other building industry members from law firms to countertop manufacturers also stepped up and donated expertise and building materials.

When complete, the ReGeneration House will provide a safe place for up to eight at-risk youth in a home-like environment with bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, dining area, powder room, living room, possible community meeting space and offices for staff. The home also incorporates a number of green or energy saving measures.

Architect John Stovall commented, *“When it comes to helping homeless youth in D.C., Sasha Bruce is a well-respected organization that makes a huge impact. Certainly a major rehabilitation with green elements has its challenges, but knowing the organization's good works and good people have make all of our efforts worthwhile. I am looking forward to the grand opening of the ReGeneration Home.”*

Danny Steinkoler, Superior Home Services, also remarked, *“We’re proud to be part of such a great project and happy to be able to give back to the youth of the D.C. community, who are near and dear to our hearts.”*

HBCF Selected Once Again as a Help the Homeless Program Beneficiary



shelter and supportive housing for vulnerable individuals and families.

The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) was selected once again as an official beneficiary of Fannie Mae’s 2012 Help the Homeless (HTH) Program. For the past 12 years, HBCF has earned vital funding from HTH to help maintain and expand its charitable construction program impacting

Given Fannie Mae’s uncertain future, 2012 may be the final year of the HTH program. This year, the HTH program transitions from what was once a centralized walk on the National Mall in Washington, DC to a smaller, regional, and flexible, community walk model. As a result of this transition, there will be no Walkathon on the Mall this November. Instead, this summer and fall, HBCF will be hosting a handful of Community Events to raise funds and awareness about our efforts to end homelessness in our community.

Our first community event is June 10, with a wine tasting at **Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard**. Yes, you read correctly, a wine-tasting in a country setting with music and refreshments will count as a HTH community walk! **Join Us! We need you to attend!** The goal for the HTH program is to engage 250 paid “walkers” for Home Builders Care and “virtual walkers” count. One hundred percent of all walker fees paid online for our events will go directly to Home Builders Care Foundation.

How can you get involved? There are two simple ways:

- 1) Sign on as a “Walker” or “Virtual Walker” for Home Builders Care or register to attend one or more of our Community Events. The more “walkers” who sign on, the more incentive funds we can earn as part of the HTH program. The registration fee for walkers is only \$30 adults / \$20 youth. There are

cash incentives for the number of walkers we recruit so help us reach our goals by signing up! Sponsors also welcome!

2) Donate through HBCF's Fall Fund Drive where your donation can qualify HBCF for a 20 percent match through HTH. Write a check to Home Builders Care Foundation, we'll take care of the rest of the paperwork to obtain a 20 percent match on all sponsor dollars!

All contributions help HBCF leverage the in-kind construction assistance we provide to other non-profit organizations serving the homeless and others at-risk. Help us **Build for Our Neighbors in Need**. For more information, email HBCF director Patti Kane or call her at 301-445-5410. You may also visit our [HTH website](#).

HomeAid DC Develops Next Energy-Retrofit Project

Following its positive first-ever energy-efficiency retrofit project at the REACH youth home last fall, the Home Builders Care Foundation's HomeAid Washington DC chapter has taken new steps to completing its second ESP project.

ESP is HomeAid America's national Environmental Sustainability Program (ESP), 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.



Last week, a building systems analysis team from Newport Partners conducted an extensive energy audit at a six-unit apartment building in NE Washington. With antiquated HVAC units, inefficient lighting and appliances, plus old window AC units, the building appears to be primed for upgrades that will reduce its energy costs by 40 percent. The project is expected to be completed before mid-July.

The building is owned by Community Connections (CC), a non-profit mental health agency serving men, women and children in the nation's capital. For over 25 years, Community Connections has been committed to innovative and compassionate mental health, addictions and residential services for the District of Columbia's most vulnerable citizens. The CC staff is very excited about the potential improvements to the property.

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