

BUILDING INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY BUILDERS

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Local Builder Constructs Home in One Week

Somerset Homes was selected by ABC Television Network to build a new home for a deserving family in the first-ever *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* filmed in the Washington, DC, metro area.

During the week of August 15, the Bel Alton, MD-based builder led a team of more than 200 workers to build a state-of-the-art, custom home for a Capitol Heights single mom and her eight high-achieving children.

The dedicated crews from Somerset Homes, along with their many enthusiastic vendors and partners, worked 24 hours a day to complete the home in just one week.

“Somerset Homes is proud of our tradition of caring and helping people in our community, and this gives us yet another way to make a difference in people’s lives,” said John Sites, CEO and Founder of Somerset Homes. ▼



John Sites, CEO and Founder of Somerset Homes, poses in front of the nearly complete *Extreme Makeover* house on day four of the build.



Day one of the *Extreme Makeover* build saw the small, two-bedroom house demolished in a matter of hours.

Centex Homes Cleans Up

Centex Homes joined hands with the Berlin Parks Commission in May for a day of fun and community service. Company employees helped clear debris, trash and weeds



from the grounds at Henry and Stephen Decatur Parks. They also planted new trees throughout the parks, several butterfly gardens and provided plenty of refreshments for everyone involved. “We greatly appreciated Centex Homes’ help in making our parks more beautiful and safe for our residents,” said Catherine Preziosi, Chairman, Berlin Parks Commission. ▼

ABOUT THE MNCBIA

The Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA) is a trade association comprised of builders, developers, and others associated with the shelter industry who do business in Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George’s and St. Mary’s Counties, and Washington D.C.

The BIA serves as a valuable resource for its members in the areas of education and training as well as representing the industry at all levels of government, with other trade associations and the general public. The MNCBIA fosters the growth and prosperity of the shelter industry and its members within the community, striving to fulfill every consumer’s dream of homeownership within a broad spectrum of price ranges and markets.

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Tools For Thailand

In the Spring issue of *Community Builders* we gave you a brief synopsis of **Cindy Crane’s**, (wife of MNCBIA board member and Crane Homes president, **Tony Crane**), 10-day trip to Thailand last January with the Washington-based group “Smile on Wings” to provide medical assistance to the victims of the Tsunami disaster. Cindy was so moved by the experience she decided to return this past July. This time she brought along her family (and a friend); husband Tony, 11-year old daughter Jesse, 10-year old son Nick, and Jesse’s close friend, 12-year old Hannah.

For months leading up to the trip the kids collected sports gear and stuffed animals. Tony turned to his fellow MNCBIA and Home Builders Care Foundation members for support, and collected \$6,000 to take on the mission for tool purchases.



While in Thailand the group divided their time among the hardest hit villages, visiting schools to distribute toys and identifying what building and fishing supplies were needed to help with reconstruction.

Among the tools and equipment that were acquired were six compressors and various sets of hand tools. A boat was also purchased along with oxygen tanks (see above) for the fisherman to use for lobster fishing. In addition, arrangements were made to buy supplies to build a new fishery. ▼

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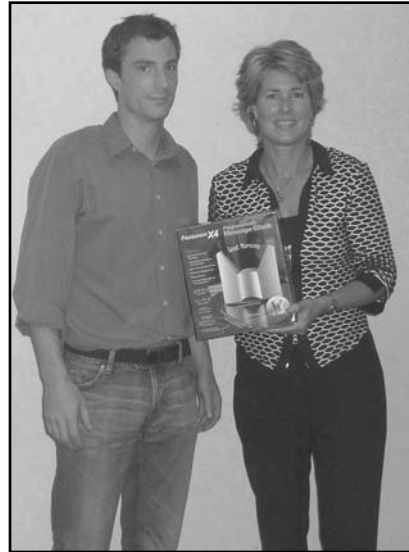
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Calvert County Liaison Committee Members Recognized

Calvert County Liaison Committee members **Trent Jaklitsch**, Jaklitsch Development Group and **Jay Webster**, Marrick Properties, were recognized for their efforts in raising more than \$2,500 and obtaining the donations of carpentry supplies and materials to support students at the Calvert Career Center competing in the regional competition of the SkillsUSA competition this past March. The Calvert Career Center won fourth place for "Outstanding Chapter" in the national competition in Kansas City, MO, in July and students went on to place in the top 10 in carpentry at that competition. ▼



Bernie Schultz (right), Chair, Calvert County Liaison Committee, presents Trent Jaklitsch, Jaklitsch Development Group, with a digital display clock as a thank you for his efforts. The other honoree, Jay Webster, Marrick Properties, could not attend.

Local Engineering Firm Offers Surveying Assistance to Boy Scouts

Loiederman Soltesz Associates, Inc. sent seven surveyors from the firm's survey practice to lend their expertise to the 2005 National Scout Jamboree in Caroline County, VA, July 25 through August 3. Approximately 85 scouts earned their survey merit badge during the event, which drew 43,000 scouts, leaders and staff members.

The American Congress on Surveying & Mapping and the National Society of Professional Surveyors sponsored the survey merit badge program. The criteria included knowing first aid for minor injuries and identifying poisonous plants and animals; performing "hands-on" survey field work (traversing and leveling); drafting the map from the results of the "hands-on" surveying; learning how to obtain the deed of the property; and explaining the importance of Global Positioning Systems and Surveying to a licensed surveyor. ▼

HOME BUILDERS CARE FOUNDATION AND BIA MEMBERS ASSISTING AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE REGION

New Home Builders Care Project Benefits Homeless Families in DC

Transitional Housing Corporation (THC) helps homeless families in the District of Columbia transform their lives. Through THC's housing and comprehensive support services, at-risk families are able to live in a fully furnished apartment in one of THC's apartment buildings - Partner Arms, a 14-unit apartment building and Partner Arms II, a 13-unit building. During their two-year stay, families participate in a mandatory program of services that include employment and career counseling, family dynamics and parenting skills, life skills counseling, substance abuse counseling, and therapy for adults and children.

This summer, Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) began renovating the kitchens and bathrooms in seven units in the Partner Arms complex as well as making additional repairs and improvements in the building's common areas. HBCF board members Jack Orrick, Linowes and Blocher LLP, a long-standing supporter of THC, and John Lavery, Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc. are serving as project managers. The estimated cost of the project is over \$50,000 and is expected to be completed this fall. ▼

Homebuilders Support Student Construction Program

This past May the Foundation of Automotive and Construction Technology for Students (FACTS) celebrated the 2005 Student Built House, its 30th since the program began in 1981.

FACTS works in conjunction with the Prince George's County Public Schools in training high school students for careers in construction and automotive industries. Every year the students enrolled in the program build a house that is sold, with the proceeds of that sale funding the construction of next year's house. The 2005 house sold for \$460,000 and is located in Clinton, MD.

FACTS is comprised of a voluntary Board of directors, many of whom are MNCBIA members including, **Barbara Richman**, FACTS Chair, Richman Real Estate & Development, LLC, **Bill Bilo**, DICO Inc., **Grafton Brandt**, McDaniels Homes, **Roy Kilby**, K&P Builders, Inc., **Susan Matlick**, Executive Vice President, MNCBIA, **Steve Mauersberg**, Ben Dyer Associates Inc. and **Andy Nussbaum**, Knight, Manzi, Nussbaum & La Placa. 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. ▼

Building Community Lends a Hand at Angel's Watch

The Home Builders Care Foundation's project at Angel's Watch Regional Shelter for Women and Children in Southern Maryland has received many in-kind donations and additional contributions from members of the building community. Thanks to the following companies for their generous support.

Builders First Source, Cherrywood Development LLC, Craftstar Homes, Michael & Heather Conley, Creative Touch Interiors, Fireside Hearth and Home, Greg Lauer, Craftstar Production Manager, Magallanes Carpentry LLC, M. Moreno Punch Out Services, Thomco Electric Inc., Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

The repairs and upgrades at the 52-bed facility are helping improve the safety and comfort of the women and children at the shelter, many of whom are victims of domestic violence. ▼



Magallanes Carpentry LLC volunteered professional labor and materials to the project. Pictured are (L to R) Mario Magallanes, Mario Parasa and Elias Rodrigues.