

# Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

## MCF Helps Get Kids Ready for School



MCF Investment Company is helping kids get ready for school by donating much needed materials.

The Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Prince George's Department of Social Services has been collecting donations of school supplies to help less fortunate children in Foster Care, Homeless Services and Transitional Housing as they prepare to return to county public schools in August. MCF generously donated more than two dozen backpacks stuffed with all the essentials supplies requested and more to make sure kids have the tools they need to succeed. ▼

## Clark Construction Races to Fight Breast Cancer

Dozens of Clark Construction Group employees were among the more than 40,000 walkers and runners in the nation's capital for the 17th annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation National Race for the Cure. The 5K race on June 3 raised \$2.3 million to help fund breast cancer research, education, treatment and other programs.



Employees Margie Rosario and Jan Withers, who led Clark's team, also sold candy to help raise funds for the cause. Clark's team raised more than \$5,000 for the foundation. ▼

## Local Developer Receives Community Service Award



David Flanagan, president and CEO of Elm Street Development, received the Sen. Paul Sarbanes Excellence in Community Service Award for 2006 at the Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County in May.

Commenting on the award, conference co-chairs Barbara Goldberg Goldman and Norman Dreyfuss said, "David demonstrates an unselfish, long-standing commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life in this and other communities throughout the region."

Apart from his leading role at Elm Street, David is also a principal and director of Craftmark Homes and CraftstarHomes. He is a former President and current Life Director for the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association and he has also served six years on the Board of Directors of Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP) where he served as vice Chair from 1998 to 2000. He is a

member of the executive committee for the Urban Land Institute-Washington and lent his expertise to ULI's Reality Check growth forum for the Greater Washington area. ▼

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## Home Builders Care Supports NewLocal Housing Project

Throughout the rest of this year and into early 2007, the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) will play a key role in the development of a permanent supportive housing complex in Silver Spring.

As part of a team of public and private sector agencies and nonprofit organizations, HBCF will be a primary resource for the extensive rehabilitation of a 10-unit apartment complex located at 527 Dale Drive and will be lending its' professional construction expertise to the building's redevelopment. After renovation, the building will provide permanent, affordable and supportive housing for eight single disabled adults who are exiting homelessness. The ninth and 10th units in the building will serve as an apartment for an on-site resident counselor and an office for a full-time social worker/case manager.



Located at Dale Drive, the property is a three-story brick building containing 10 small one-bedroom units

children doing well in school, parents working or increasing their education—because they are housed and supported in that housing."

Across the nation and in other parts of county, the permanent supportive housing model has proven to be an effective housing strategy for the chronically homeless with special needs. Supportive housing is like typical apartment life; residents who live there sign leases and pay rent, just like their neighbors, however, they have access to a range of services that allow them the opportunity to live with stability, autonomy, and dignity. It is permanent in the sense that there is no pre-determined minimum or maximum amount of time that residents can stay.

"Supportive housing works," says Sharan London, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless. "It provides the housing stability people need to be able to address other areas of their lives. We've seen the success of the Partnership for Permanent Housing—

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***Supportive housing has been proven to have positive impacts on health, employment, on treating mental illness, and on reducing or ending substance use.***

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— Corporation for Supportive Housing

On the Dale Drive Apartments project, HBCF will be collaborating with the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA), the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.

The building was purchased utilizing funds from the County's Housing Initiative Fund. HBCF's commitment

of both in-kind labor and materials and cash contributions to the project is expected to amount to about half of the project's total renovation costs, with other funding secured through HUD HOME and the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust.

"HBCF is honored to join DHCA, HOC, HHS and the Coalition for the Homeless and serve as a major partner of the Dale Drive Apartments project," commented HBCF President, Mike Conley of Winchester Homes. ▼

# Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected

## Group Homes Get Makeover

The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) recently commenced work on two group home renovation projects for the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH). Under the leadership of HBCF Board Member **Kyle Lyne** of Ryan Homes, the projects are well underway and are expected to be completed by September.

The first home, located in Silver Spring, serves five men with low moderate/severe mental retardation, autism and seizure disorders.



Before: No Sidewalk.

Recently, **RBS Concrete** constructed a new sidewalk at the home to help improve accessibility for residents. The entire interior of the home was also completely repainted by **Wayne Drywall**. Both companies generously contributed materials and

labor at no cost to HBCF. A second home, located in Rockville, serves four male residents and one female, with moderate mental retardation. **Masters Plumbing** donated time and materials to help correct dryer duct and vent issues. New lower-level exterior windows are also being installed in order to help the facility meet egress code requirements.

JFGH provides long-term support, personal assistance services and training to enhance independent living skills for residents. The organization serves more than 140 adults with developmental disabilities and chronic mental illness in group homes and apartments in Maryland, Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. ▼



After: Brand new sidewalk.

# Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders—Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

## FACTS Funds Building of 31st Home



The new four bedroom house is located in Clinton, MD.

The **Foundation of Automotive and Construction Technology for Students (FACTS)** funded the building of its' 31st house in Clinton, MD, as a project of the Prince George's County Technical Academy. FACTS has worked in conjunction with the Prince George's County Public Schools since 1981.

More than 200 students—150 on construction and 60 on interior and exterior design, architecture and landscaping—participated in the project as a practical test of the skills they learned in the technical academy. This 3,228 sq. foot home boasts four bedrooms, two and a half baths, oak floors and a surveillance system, and will sell for around \$550,000.

The Prince George's County Technical Academy is a program where students can learn construction, carpentry, masonry, culinary arts or even cosmetology. 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.

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., **Rob Jacobs**, Acacia FSB, **Roy Kilby**, K&P Builders, Inc., **Susan Matlick**, Executive Vice President, MNCBIA, **Steve Mauersberg**, Ben Dyer Associates Inc., **Andy Nussbaum**, Knight, Manzi, Nussbaum & La Placa and **Aaron Warren**, Warren Homes. 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 not cover as well as donate construction materials and their time to keep the program going. ▼

## Builders Donate Baseball Tickets

The **Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA)**, in cooperation with its charity arm, the **Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF)**, donated 40 Bowie Baysox tickets to the ARC of Prince George's County, a voluntary organization committed to ensuring that people with mental retardation are able to fully participate in their communities.



Staff and employees of the ARC of Prince George's County enjoyed a buffet and a baseball game.

The tickets were for the August 2nd game against the Connecticut Defenders and included a buffet dinner and a fireworks display. MNCBIA members and staff joined in the fun to cheer on the Baysox.

The ARC was chosen not only because of the admirable work it does for Prince George's County but for the assistance it has given to MNCBIA, who utilizes the ARC's employment services division in coordinating the various mailings it produces. The tickets were a way to say thank you. ▼



L to R: MNCBIA's Samantha Torriente and Kathy Rockinberg got up close and personal with the Bowie Baysox mascot.

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