

# Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

## How Can I Support Home Builders Care Foundation? This Fall, Opportunities abound!



**Purchase Tickets** – The **Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship** is coming to the Baltimore Country Club on **September 29-October 4**. As an approved beneficiary in the *PGA's TICKETS FORE CHARITY* program, HBCF and HBAM's Builders Haven Foundation will receive 75 percent of the net proceeds on select tickets and ticket packages to this PGA golf tournament. For information or to buy tickets, log on to [www.ceseniortplayers.com/tfc](http://www.ceseniortplayers.com/tfc) and click on Home Builders Care (or enter code "HBCF") or call R.J. Trzaska at 410-853-7064 x1005. AREVA Championship Club bulk ticket packages are also available.

**Carve a Pumpkin** – Mark your calendars for **October 10** and join the fun at the Newland Communities **Life is good® Pumpkin Festival** in Clarksburg Town Center. The event begins around 2:00pm and wraps up at 8:00pm with pumpkin carving, family-friendly games, music, great food and a spectacular jack-o-lantern lighting at dusk. Part of the proceeds from the festival will benefit Home Builders Care Foundation with funds targeting homeless families with young children in Montgomery County.



**Walk for the Homeless** – For its ninth straight year, HBCF has been selected as a beneficiary organization for **Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Program!** The 2009 Walkathon will take place on the National Mall on **November 21**. Please join our team for a scenic walk around the tidal basin, sponsor our walkers, or make a general contribution to Home Builders Care. Visit [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org). For more information, please contact Patti Kane at 301-445-5410 or [pkane@mncbia.org](mailto:pkane@mncbia.org).



## Construction Trades Foundation Celebrates 37th Home

This past May, **Jim Kettler**, Kettler Brothers Homes, and a member of MNCBIA's 2009 executive committee, helped lay the cornerstone for the Young American House XXXVII, a house built by Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) students in Silver Spring. After two years of work, the home was completed and ready for sale. Proceeds from the sale are returned to the Construction Trades Foundation (CTF) to fund the next house.

Mr. Kettler is the current President of the Montgomery County Student Construction Trades Foundation Inc., a non-profit organization providing a unique partnership between MCPS and the Montgomery County business community, advocating for the best possible construction-related student education, career training and preparation for college. **Bryan Whittington**, another MNCBIA member is CTF's Immediate Past President. Several other MNCBIA members also sit on the CTF board of directors. ✪

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## Ruppert Nurseries Donates Landscaping at The Dunbar

The once dilapidated, boarded-up and abandoned building on O Street NW in the District is no longer the eyesore of the neighborhood. Far from it.

It took eight years to complete, but on June 18, 2009, Open Arms Housing celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of its flagship project—The Dunbar Apartments—one of the first new permanent supportive housing sites for Washington, DC's chronically homeless population. This summer, the building's new tenants—women with mental illness who have lived for years on the streets and in emergency shelters—moved into their own apartments and are on their way to getting the supportive services they need to live stable lives.

Located in DC's 5th Ward, the Dunbar is an existing two-story plus basement apartment building originally built around 1920. Containing a total of 19 units, it now provides housing for 16 mentally-ill chronically homeless women along with units for three staff and volunteers.



The building's extensive renovation has been ongoing, but in mid-June, The Dunbar received some key exterior beautification when **Ruppert Nurseries** (pictured left) swooped in to transform the bare and neglected yard into a beautiful urban space requiring min-



The once dilapidated and abandoned Dunbar Apartment building (above) received a major makeover (left) and is now home to 16 formerly homeless women.

imal long-term maintenance—with knock-out roses, hollies, laurel, arborvitae, fresh green sod and much more. Ruppert even threw in labor, soil, fertilizer and mulch at no charge.

"The landscaping is gorgeous," commented Patti Kane, HomeAid Washington DC's program manager. "Ruppert whipped up the perfect icing on the cake for this extraordinary project." ✪



# Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected

## HomeAid DC Gears up for Second Project at Sasha Bruce House



A team from HBCF/HomeAid DC is geared up to assist Sasha Bruce Youthwork with the design, permitting, and installation of a new sprinkler system and fourth floor fire escape at Sasha Bruce House (SBH), a flagship emergency youth shelter and “safe home” in the Capitol Hill area of Washington DC. SBH is DC’s only open-access short-term shelter for young people. It is open 24-hours-a-day, serving youth ages 11 to 17.

The SBH program runs at capacity (10 beds total) all year long. Onsite services include crisis intervention; individual, group, and family counseling; case management, support for shelter graduates, and temporary respite care. In order for the agency to increase needed bed capacity by 50 percent, District regulators are requiring a better fire protection system to be installed.

Helping on the project are MNCBIA members **John Stovall**, NS Architects and **Tony Fleming**, Metropolitan Fire Protection.

The mission of Sasha Bruce Youthwork is to improve the lives of runaway, homeless, abused, and neglected and at-risk youth and their families in the Washington area. The organization provides shelter, counseling, life skills training and positive youth development activities to approximately 1,500 youth and 5,000 family members each year.

HomeAid DC is applying funding from Newland Communities/Life is Good Kids Foundation and the Freddie Mac Foundation to the project. ⚙

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# Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders—Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

## Ribbon is Cut on the Home Builders Care Assessment Center



On June 18, The **Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF)** joined Montgomery County and Maryland officials as well as the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH) and other agency partners, at a grand opening celebration to cut the ribbon on the new Home Builders Care Assessment Center (HBCAC) on Gude Drive in Rockville.

The 3,780-sq. ft. addition to the Home Builders Care Assessment Center (formerly the Men’s Emergency Shelter), not only increased the shelter’s capacity to house more men and provide residents access to basic amenities such as showers, beds, laundry and dining facilities, it has also allowed MCCH to offer a variety of supportive services to help residents exit homelessness more quickly, including: thorough assessments, case management, vocational

counseling and job training, health education classes, in-house 12-step meetings, and medical services.

County Executive **Isiah Leggett** (pictured left cutting the ribbon), County Council President Phil Andrews, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Deputy Director John Maneval, MCCH Executive Director Sharan London and **HBCF President Ted Smart** all took turns at the podium to share remarks in observation of the ribbon cutting occasion.

Also speaking was James Toler, a resident of HBCAC who shared his own personal story. *“I’ve stayed in other shelters and call the Home Builders Care Assessment Center the Hilton of Shelters - it’s safe, clean, and state-of-the-art. It gives you the opportunity to get past the anger, the frustration. It makes the unmanageable manageable. I want to thank all the people here who helped make these new buildings possible—from the County Executive to the guys working the construction site. Thank you. I also want to thank Mr. Darrell Butler and the rest of the staff at the Home Builders Care*



*Assessment Center, and also all the volunteers who bring warm and nutritious food. These new facilities will ensure that homeless men in Montgomery County have a safe, nurturing environment to rebuild hope, dignity and a positive future with a permanent home.”*

While at the shelter, Mr. Toler was active in the new Back-to-Work project, an onsite vocational program with a full time vocational counselor. Mr. Toler is currently taking classes at Montgomery College with aspiration to become a Landscape Architect. During the event, HBCF President Ted Smart presented a memorial plaque in honor of MNCBIA’s late comptroller Al Pence, which will hang in the new vocational training room. ⚙

