

# Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

## GOLF TIX Fore HBCF!

The PGA Tour is coming to TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm October 4-10. Purchase Tickets for the Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship through the TICKETS Fore CHARITY™ program and go in support of Home Builders Care.

Championship Club Tickets are just \$20 and 100 percent of the net proceeds from each ticket purchased will be donated to HBCF. Just buy tickets online at [www.buytfc.com](http://www.buytfc.com) and enter the unique code for Home Builders Care Foundation. (CEFSZL) ✪

## Grand Opening at Aunt Hattie's Place

On July 9, Aunt Hattie's Place (AHP) celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of its long-awaited group home for foster care boys in Sandy Spring, MD. The new 12,000 sq. ft. energy efficient home will house up to 12 boys ages 12-19. The project from start to finish took six years to complete and cost a little over \$3 million.

Helping preside over the grand opening festivities was **Emily Vaias**, a partner at **Linowes and Blocher LLP**, who has served as AHP's pro-bono attorney throughout the project's development. The opening was attended by several state and local officials including Montgomery County Executive **Ike Leggett** and Montgomery County Councilmember **George Leventhal**.

Earlier in the year, the Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) lent assistance to the project thanks to funds raised by **Newland Communities** at last year's *Life is good® Pumpkin Festival* in Clarksburg Town Center.

The new foster home is the third home created by Dr. Hattie Washington. For 13 years, AHP has been committed to developing "at-risk" youth into productive, contributing members of society. AHP provides long-term, family-like homes to young boys with special needs in the foster care system. ✪



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## Miracle League Heading Towards Home

*Baseball Field for Disabled Kids Needs Help from MNCBIA Members*



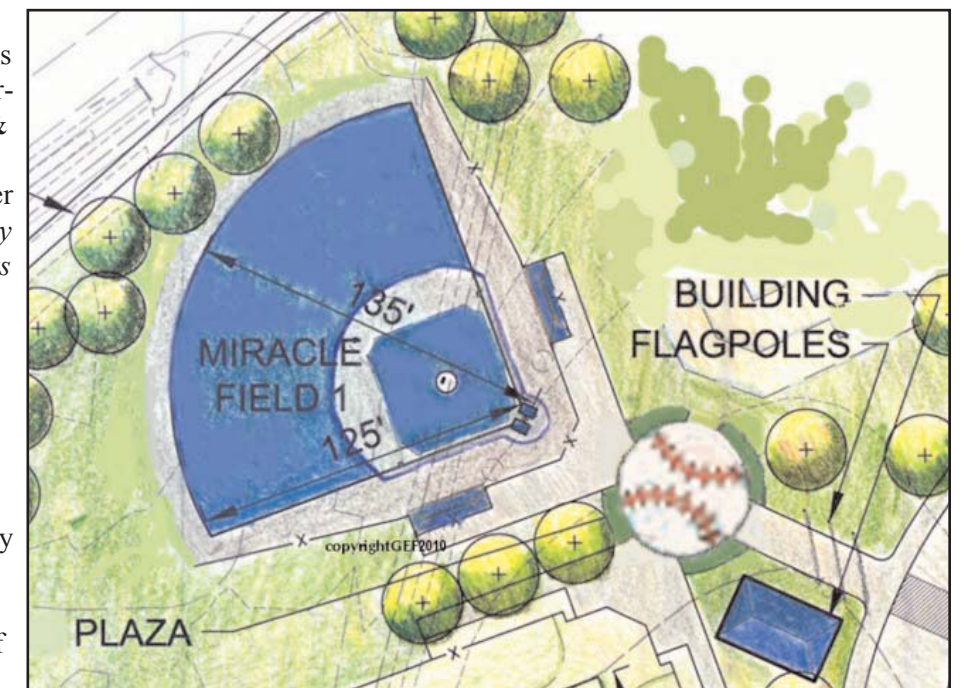
"There's nothing better than doing something good when times are tough. My touch point is when kids are involved," says **Grace Fielder**, principal at **G.E. Fielder & Associates, Chtd.** an MNCBIA member firm providing planning, landscape architecture, environmental and engineering services. For the past few years, G.E. Fielder has played a major role in the design of Maryland's first *Miracle Field*, a 135 ft. baseball and multi-use field for disabled children and children with special needs. Games are played using a buddy system, where every child bats and scores.

The project is being developed through a public-private partnership between the Miracle League of Montgomery County (MLMC) and the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission. MLMC is a service project of the Bethesda Kiwanis Club. Another MNCBIA member, attorney **Robby Brewer** of **Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chtd.**, is also involved in the project on a pro bono basis. Mr. Brewer says, "Through seed money provided by a generous couple who died three years ago, as well as with other donations, we hope to give the children of Montgomery County an enduring legacy that enables all children to pursue their athletic dreams."

Part of the MLMC's mission is to provide disabled youth with an opportunity to experience the joy and benefits that come from playing our national past-time...baseball. *Miracle Field* is part of an inclusionary ball field complex

being built at South Germantown Recreational Park near the SoccerPlex. The field and all the surfaces are made of concrete and a special material for easy access for children in wheelchairs and those who walk with assistive devices. The *Miracle Field* will provide opportunities for children with disabilities to play Miracle League baseball, regardless of their abilities.

"The Miracle League of Montgomery County has been in this game for four years. Having cleared DPS, NPDES and M-NCPPC, we are in the bottom of the ninth inning and the excitement is mounting. But the game is going to be close, and more players are needed on deck to help push the project across home plate," says Ms. Fielder. The Miracle League still needs companies, contractors, builders, suppliers and other interested individuals to step forward and help with donations of labor, materials and money for construction. Opening day is anticipated to be mid-April of 2011. For more information on this great project, visit [www.miracleleaguemontcomd.com](http://www.miracleleaguemontcomd.com). ✪





# Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected

## Transitional Home for Torture Survivors Nears Completion



The drywall is up and the finishing work is well under way. Come this September, the new transitional home owned and operated by Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International (TASSC) will be ready to provide supportive housing for torture survivors on their journey towards healing.

The new home, located in Prince George's County, will be used to provide direct support to survivors seeking political asylum. The US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) reported that in 2009 over 161,000

refugees and persons seeking asylum entered the U.S. It has been estimated by the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs (NCTTP), of which TASSC is a member, that five percent to 35 percent of these refugees show signs of torture.

*“TASSC’s new home will become a ray of hope in a confusing and unfamiliar world for those who are arriving homeless,”* commented Demissie Abebe, TASSC’s Executive Director. *“To quote Maya Angelo - ‘The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned.’ How true this is for many survivors who have been forced into exile-sometimes leaving with only the shirts on their backs, a photograph or two of children left behind, and not much more.”*

TASSC’s new property was donated by the Robert L. Edwards Living Trust, of which MNCBIA member **Ian Cohen**, President of **Knollwood Development** is Trustee. New MNCBIA member **Sunrise Home Builders LLC**, is the Captain on the project. In addition to the **Home Builders Care Foundation**, the project is also receiving key support from Shelters Plus, a private foundation started by the late developer John Smart, who along with his family, have been long-time supporters of TASSC and other agencies helping extremely poor families in Latin America. ✨

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# Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders—Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

## HBCF Selected as Help the Homeless Program Beneficiary Ten Years and Counting!

The **Home Builders Care Foundation** (HBCF) was selected once again as an official beneficiary of Fannie Mae’s 2010 Help the Homeless (HTH) Walkathon Program. For the past 10 years, HBCF has earned vital funding from HTH to help expand its charitable construction program impacting shelter and supportive housing for vulnerable individuals and families.

Please plan to join or sponsor the HBCF team on Walkathon day - **November 20, 2010**, the Saturday before Thanksgiving.



Or simply give to HBCF’s Fall Fund Drive where your donation may also qualify for a 20 percent match through HTH. All contributions help HBCF leverage the in-kind construction assistance we provide to other non-profit organizations serving the homeless and others at-risk. For more information, contact HBCF program manager Patti Kane at 301-445-5410 or email [pkane@mncbia.org](mailto:pkane@mncbia.org) or visit [www.hbcf.org](http://www.hbcf.org). ✨