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## HBCF Selected as a Help the Homeless Program Beneficiary



The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) was selected once again as an official beneficiary of Fannie Mae's 2011 Help the Homeless (HTH) Walkathon Program. For the past 11 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 19, 2011 (note: The 2011 Walkathon will be the final walk on the National Mall. In 2012, the HTH program will transition to a program model of smaller community walks)

There are two simple ways to get involved. 1) donate

through HBCF's Fall Fund Drive where your donation can qualify HBCF for a 20 percent match through HTH. Or 2) sign up to participate in one of HBCF's community mini-walks this fall. Dates and times and locations to be announced. 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). ✪



2011 HBCF Team

## Robert Mitchell Named Chairman of the National Housing Endowment



Longtime MNCBIA member and past president of both the BIA and NAHB, **Robert Mitchell**, was named the endowment's chairman. "It is an honor to serve as chairman of the philanthropic arm of NAHB," said Mitchell. "I hope to continue the progress we have made with initiatives like the HELP (Homebuilding Education Leadership Program), and continue to invest in the future of housing."

Mitchell, the co-founder and owner of Mitchell & Best headquartered in Rockville, has served as a member of NAHB's board of trustees since 2005. He served three terms as president of MNCBIA, which also named him its builder of the year for 13 years, and two terms as president of the Home Builders Association of Maryland.

NAHB inducted Mitchell into the National Housing Hall of Fame in 2006. ✪

## Renovation Planned for St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home

The latest project of Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) is about



to get underway in the St. Louise Wing at St. Ann's in Hyattsville. The project will improve the facility for the St. Ann's Children's Residential Program and directly benefit hundreds of young children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned, and mercifully receive care and comfort at St. Ann's each year. Construction is anticipated to be within weeks.

This Home Builders Care project at St. Ann's will also be one of the first sites in the nation for the new Homeownership Initiative between of the **National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)** and the **National Football League Players Association (NFLPA)**. The initiative brings together local home builder associations and former NFL players in partnership to strengthen communities and build homes for disadvantaged families. The project will expand the common space and dining areas and make the space look and feel more like a home. A team of volunteers from the NFL Players Association stand ready to help when the project begins. As one retired Washington Redskins player commented, "This project is going to be fun and change lives."

HBCF is thankful for the in-kind donations of materials that have been secured for the project to date. NAHB has been instrumental in getting a donation of flooring from manufacturer **Mohawk Flooring**. A local distributor and long-time MNCBIA member, **MidSouth Building Supply of Maryland**, has graciously agreed to donate all of the cabinets and coun-

tertops that the project will require. When asked, MidSouth President Tim Flynn simply stated, "I would be happy to help with this. St Ann's is a very worthy organization."

For 150 years, St. Ann's has been caring for the poor in our Nation's Capital. Chartered by Congress in 1863, their incorporating documents bear the signature of none other than President Abraham Lincoln. St. Ann's operates three residential programs and a community day care center and serves over 300 young people each year.



St. Ann's common space awaits renovation.

Sr. Mary Bader, the CEO of St. Ann's, is extremely pleased to receive this assistance on behalf of those they serve. "We are looking forward to having the renovation done so that the kids have a nice, clean, homey space. Many thanks for all you are doing for our little ones. You have blessed us!" She particularly is excited about the contributions that will be made by the retired NFL players. She knows their presence will be such a positive influence for the at-risk youth and families that St. Ann's serves. ✪

# Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected

## FACTS Dedicates 2011 Student Built House



The latest house to be constructed by the Foundation of Automotive and Construction Technology (FACTS) was dedicated in May. The house resides in Clinton, MD and was the work of more than 140 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. Since 1981, FACTS has provided nearly 4,000 students with hands-on experience

including the challenges and successes of actually building of a house.

A large crowd was on hand for the unveiling of the new home including Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner and members of the Board of Education to applaud the efforts of the students as they received awards for student achievement in landscape design, architectural drafting, construction, automotive trades and interior and exterior design. MNCBIA's own **Bill Bilo** with Dico Inc. was on hand to give the Carpentry & Masonry Award. Bill is a member of the FACTS Board of Directors, as well as a number of other MNCBIA members including, **Rob Jacobs**, Acacia FSB, **Roy Kilby**, K & P Builders, **Steve Mauersberg**, Ben Dyer Associates, Inc., **Stephen Paul**, Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc., **Barbara Richman**, NAI, **Bill Shipp**, O'Malley Miles Nylen & Gilmore, **Aaron Warren**, Warren Brothers Residential and **Diane Swenson**, Executive Vice President of MNCBIA. Board members are involved with the purchase and development of the land for the project, onsite guidance and selling of 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.

All monies raised from the sale of the houses are used as seed money for construction on the next year's house. ☼

# Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders—Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

## Home Builders Care Helps Renovate Mary's House Kitchen



(L to R) Director Bridget Desnoes, Project Manager Naomi Kettler and HBCF President Hugh Carroll.

The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF), MNCBIA's charitable affiliate, has completed a substantial kitchen renovation at Mary's House, an assisted living residence for lower-income seniors in Rockville. The renovation project was completed under the guidance of **Naomi Kettler**, principal of Kettler DesignWorks, LLC. All work was completed within eight days to limit disruptions at the busy facility.

Once a convent, Mary's House sits just above the school on the campus of St. Mary's Church. The facility is the very first **Victory Housing** community and offers 15 residents a cozy "bed-and-breakfast" feel. Several homemade meals are prepared in the kitchen daily. Before the renovation, residential-style cabinets, countertops and appliances were over-worn after several years of heavy use. After the renovation, the kitchen now shines with new stainless steel shelving, work tables and counters, upgraded electric and a brand new high

temperature, high speed dishwasher. The total project cost was just under \$17,000 and was funded by a matching grant from the HBCF.

Victory Housing is the non-profit housing development arm of the Archdiocese of Washington. Their mission is to provide affordable housing and related social services to low- and moderate-income frail and independent senior citizens, families with children, and others with special needs. ☼

## Home Builders Care Lends Construction Expertise To Adults With Mental Disabilities

The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF) recently completed an in-kind construction project for a shared home for adults with psychiatric disabilities in Silver Spring. The residence, home to three adults in a supported independent living program, is owned and operated by **Housing Unlimited, Inc.** (HUI).

A team of builders from East Coast Homes led the renovation that included new kitchen flooring, the complete reconstruction of a bathroom and minor repairs and painting. The project, estimated at \$5,000, was funded entirely by a project grant from the Home Builders Care program.

"We're very appreciative of the Foundation's support," said **Abe M. Schuchman, Esq.**, Executive Director of

Housing Unlimited, Inc. "The tenants are very excited." Based in Silver Spring, HUI was incorporated as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) affordable housing corporation in 1991 by parents of adults with mental illness. The goal was to relieve the severe housing crisis for this segment of the population. Today, the mission of Housing Unlimited Inc. is to address the housing crisis for adults with psychiatric disabilities who reside in Montgomery County. ☼



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