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Charity Project for the Arc of Baltimore Improves Accessibility

Home Builders Care is partnering with the Arc Baltimore to renovate and repair a number of houses and apartments in the Baltimore area in which individuals supported by The Arc currently live.

“By leveraging the skills and resources of its building industry members, HBCF is not only making upgrades to the homes of individuals whom The Arc Baltimore supports,” says Ron Christian of The Arc Baltimore’s Community Living Division. *“It is helping these people to pursue their passions and become more self-sufficient.”*

The first project to be undertaken as part of this new partnership involves the complete renovation of a kitchen at one of The Arc Baltimore residences in Rosedale.

“The kitchen renovation will save The Arc Baltimore thousands of dollars, but more importantly will have



a profound impact on the residents of the home, particularly one resident who uses a wheelchair and will now be able to cook when the accessibility aspects of the kitchen are complete,” notes Christian. *“We are so pleased that the members of Maryland’s home building association are bringing their expertise in Universal Design to this project.”*

HBCF’s involvement in projects typically can save



its partner agencies approximately 30% to 50% on development and construction costs by utilizing professional pro bono labor and in-kind donations from suppliers.

“Our Foundation has been around for over 30 years and we have partnered with over 90 local nonprofits on hundreds of projects,” says Christopher Rachuba, HBCF’s President. *“HBCF continues to be*

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Anne Arundel Builders Host Annual Summer Charity Event

On July 21, MBIA’s Anne Arundel Chapter hosted its annual summer charity networking event at a Chesapeake Bayhawks Lacrosse game at Navy Stadium.

In partnership with the Home Builders Care, event proceeds were matched and earmarked to benefit The Bernie House, a local nonprofit devoted to creating safe transitional housing for families fleeing

ing domestic violence.

Chapter President Jim Krapf of Elm Street Development presented the check.

With one home already in operation, the Bernie House is seeking to open a second home within Anne Arundel for families in crisis.

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Professional Women in Building Provide Local Students with a Sustainable Urban Development Tour

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On March 12, 2016, the Student Awareness Committee of the MBIA Professional Women in Building Council (PWB) led a group of 7th graders on a "walk-about" of downtown Bethesda to show the students how communities are designed and planned to make them livable and sustainable.



Participating PWB members included Sallie Stewart, *Charles P Johnson & Associates*; Raquel Montenegro, *Ballard Spahr LLP*; Donna McMillan, *McMillan Metro P.C.*; Meredith Byer, *Dewberry*; Ines Vega, *D.R. Horton*; and Carly Schradler, *Stanley Martin Homes*.

With a goal to speak to students about career paths in the building industry, the PWB Committee decided to help a local educator with her lesson plan to teach about the "City of the Future: Sustainability" to her science class at St. Patrick's School in Washington DC.

Beginning with the teacher's syllabus, the committee identified elements that could be worked into a walking tour of an existing urban community. The course topics covered a very wide range of subject matter including anything related to smart growth, new urbanism, and green development. The students would be tackling difficult questions such as: how cities deal with water/energy/

waste, how cities create a sense of place, how cities tackle the three pillars of sustainability (economy, social, environment), how cities are thinking about and planning for problems of the future.

A tour of downtown Bethesda was chosen for its location, familiarity, and its wealth of examples of current issues related to urban redevelopment and sustainability.

The PWB Committee mapped out a two mile walking tour with stopping points along the way that identified a variety of features critical to developing a successful sustainable community. Each stop included features that triggered a topic of discussion such as the differences be-



tween public and private spaces, the elements of a space that people want to be in vs. one that is just passed-through, public vs. private property ownership and the impact ownership has on how a space is developed. There were also examples of spaces that were created for a particular purpose but how that purpose was changed by the users.

On the tour, students were encouraged to think about the how they use a space and what is it about a

space that they find enjoyable, including public art, seating, sun, wind, and access to food.

Students were encouraged to ask questions such as *Why are there not more bike lanes?* " and *Why is a pedestrian trail being reduced for the construction of a light-rail system?* These questions were followed by a discussion of pedestrian vs. vehicular traffic, parking design and how it is controlled, public transportation, public trails and bikeways.

PWB members also asked the students questions. *What does it mean to create a walkable community? How can it be achieved within an existing community where patterns are already established? When is it good or not good to tear down the old to build new?*

The tour included an illustrated map with stops highlighted and a treasure hunt along the way to identify features of the urban landscape that the students could access on smartphones. The tour lasted about 1 ½ hours and ended with free milkshakes

at the Silver Restaurant.

Following the tour, students were assigned to make presentations on how they would create a sustainable city and PWB members were invited to sit on a panel to judge the merits of each entry.

With the success of the lesson and tour, both school staff and PWB members hope to lead a similar program in the spring of 2017, hopefully with the same group of kids, one year older.

Helping Champ House Recovery with a New Roof

This past spring— (do you remember how rainy it was?) the Home Builders Care Foundation answered a call for help from Champ House Recovery, Inc. in Bowie. The roof on their primary residential building, a domed structure with extensive shingling, was leaking and in dire need of replacement.



The job required a large amount of expertise. Thanks to MBIA Member Brothers Services Company for stepping up to do this difficult work at a major discount!

Champ House is a transitional housing program for men who admittedly suffer from addiction to drugs and alcohol. The organization has been providing counseling and other recovery services to individuals referred by various courts,



health departments and other community-based and religious institutions since 1990. With the United States in the midst of a prescription opioid overdose epidemic, Champ House has recently seen an increased demand for their services.

Up to 15 men are able to reside at Champ House. It serves as a sober living house for patients leaving a rehabilitation program who are not quite ready to begin living on their own again.



"I wanted to personally Thank Home Builders Care Foundation and specifically Patti Kane for your guidance and support in our quest to get a new roof for the Champ House Recovery Inc. in Bowie MD. Also a shout out to Councilman Todd M. Turner for his continued support and Brothers Services for starting our new Geodesic Dome roof today. We are excited to be able to remove the buckets from the interior of our building when it rains."

- Steven Clark, Executive Director of Champ House

MBIA's Eastern Shore Chapter Awards College Scholarship

For many years, Home Builders on Maryland's Eastern Shore, in conjunction with the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, have provided college scholarship opportunities to graduating high school seniors. Applicants

must be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or post secondary school training and enrolled in a curriculum in either of the following fields: architecture, engineering or a construction related studies.

We wish to congratulate

Kye Steward, a 2016 Graduate of Wicomico Senior High School for receiving this year's \$500 scholarship. Kye is attending Morgan State University this fall.



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(Continued from page 1) committed to giving back to the community by providing shelter-related construction for the homeless and others at-risk, such as those individuals supported by The Arc Baltimore."

Thank you to Members of MBIA! Companies providing in-kind contributions to The Arc Baltimore residence include:

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The Arc Baltimore's Community Living Division assists more than 280 peo-

ple in homes and apartments in Baltimore City and County.

In all, The Arc Baltimore currently supports more than 6,000 Baltimore City and Baltimore County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.



Pictured: Tim Ellis, HBCF board member and the projects Volunteer Builder Captain reviews kitchen plans with Matt Miller of John H Myers & Sons.



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Did you know that Baltimore City and Somerset County have the highest poverty levels in Maryland, with each estimated to have more than 20 percent of residents living below the federal poverty line.

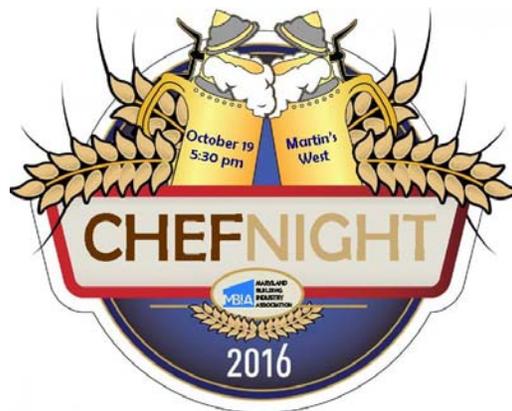
- source: US Census' 2014 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates program.

ELLICOTT CITY NEEDS OUR HELP

We will be collecting gift cards to distribute to Ellicott City residents displaced by the devastating floods. Please bring your contribution to our 2nd Anniversary Open House on Wednesday, August 31 at the Maryland Center for Housing.

Please join us and support our neighbors in need.

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Join us for Oktoberfest!

Chef Night is a great fall event with over 400+ people expected to attend from the Baltimore-Annapolis-Washington region. While scores of builders and associates serve up great food, the Silent Auction portion of the evening adds to the excitement and benefits Home Builders Care!

The theme for this year's Chef Night is Oktoberfest and the event will be at Martin's West in Baltimore on October 19. The event's silent auction will be the ONLY CHARITY AUCTION for HBCF in 2016. Please take part!

Donations to the auction are 100% tax-deductible as proceeds will benefit the Home Builders Care Foundation and its ongoing charitable construction projects.

Sponsorships of items are most welcome and also tax-deductible. Call Carey Swift or Patti Kane to discuss! 301-766-6242. [Download our Donation Form at hbcf.org](#)