

Contributing to Community

Homebuilders—Giving Back To The Community With Compassion And Caring

Ballard Spahr Participates In Dr. King Holiday



Seated is Rick Ballard. Left to right standing, Shelah Lynn, Dan Tobin (in very back), Roger Winston, Bill Newbrough and Tim Martin at the Children's Inn event in Bethesda.

Lawyers and staff from the offices of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP in Washington, DC, and Maryland took part in a variety of service projects on Martin Luther King Jr. day.

In Washington, Ballard volunteers worked at the Community for Non-Violence, which shelters more than 1,300 people, feeds even more, and provides medical and educational programs. Employees of the Bethesda office joined one of their pro bono clients, the Women's Collective, also in Washington, in an event aimed at raising awareness about HIV, while others did crafts with youngsters at the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. The Baltimore office adopted the Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School, to which employees lent a hand painting and cleaning classrooms.

"Hundreds of our lawyers and employees took part in this national day of service," said Virginia G. Essandoh, Ballard's Director of Diversity, who said the firm drew up a list of more than 25 projects for its offices. "We took into consideration recommendations from across the firm."

"Dr. King said, 'Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?' Ms. Essandoh said. "This holiday gave us an opportunity to make an impact outside the walls of Ballard Spahr and in the communities where we work and live." ❁

Home Builders Collect And Deliver \$5,000 Worth Of Toys

The **Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF)** held its sixth annual Holiday Toy Drive at the association's President's Luncheon at Congressional Country Club in December.

Over 150 members of the association donated approximately \$5,000 worth of new toys, gifts and gift cards to homeless and needy children in residential care programs at the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) and students at the JC Nalle Community School in the District. Three completely-loaded SUV trucks delivered the several large sacks full of gifts immediately following the event to the Bethesda-based charity. NCCF staff members who helped unload and organize the gifts were thrilled by the amount of gifts collected.

HBCF's toy drive's 2008 beneficiary, the National Center for Children and Families, is a private, nonprofit agency who for nearly a century, has been serving families in the national capital area. NCCF's residential programs, including the Greentree Shelter in Bethesda, serve homeless families, victims of domestic violence and vulnerable adolescents. Other programs include The JC Nalle Community School program, treatment foster care, social services for family reunification, parenting education, independent living, and stabilizing families in the community. ❁



(L to R) HBCF Manager Patti Kane poses amid a pile of toys with 2009 BIA President Tom Farasy and 2008 BIA President Rick Sullivan.

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Men's Emergency Shelter Complete—Home Builders Care Hosts Celebration Dinner

On the evening of January 22, as residents of the Men's Emergency Shelter in Rockville came in for the night, they were greeted by representatives from **Home Builders Care Foundation**, the **Maryland-National Capital BIA**, the **Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH)**, and **Montgomery County government** officials. The group had gathered together to mark the completion of the 3,780 sq. ft. addition to the Men's Emergency Shelter and share a meal with approximately 135 shelter residents. The event provided shelter residents their first look at the expanded space.

After seven months of construction, under the direction and supervision of **Winchester Homes**, the addition is nearly 100 percent complete, finishing just in time as the shelter sees increased demand this winter season. The shelter's addition provides space for 35 more beds, eliminating the need for an overflow trailer, as well as a range of new on-site services, including: new and expanded laundry, bathroom and shower facilities, two medical exam rooms, private counseling offices, and a multi-purpose meeting space and computer lab for educational and vocational activities.

The dinner, provided as part of HBCF's generous \$300,000 donation of in-kind goods and services to the project, was catered at a discount by

Branded '72 (formerly O'Brien's BBQ) and served to residents by HBCF board members. The restaurant, located on Gude Drive, supplied a delicious meal of pulled beef and chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and drinks.

During the evening, a special honorary award



Board Members of Home Builders Care Foundation work the buffet line and serve dinner to shelter residents.

of appreciation was presented to **Ron Keefer of Winchester Homes** in recognition of his day-to-day commitment and leadership on the addition project.

Sharan London, MCCH's Executive Director commented, "The addition to the Men's Emergency Shelter will profoundly improve our ability to give homeless men not only a safe, dignified place to stay, but also the services they need to be able to exit homelessness. We are incredibly grateful to the Home Builders Care Foundation for, once again, stepping up to fill a great need in our community."



An official grand opening of the addition, as well as a second new homeless service building located next to the shelter, is scheduled for April 2.

(Left) Uma S. Ahluwalia, Montgomery County Director, Department of Health and Human Services thanks the industry while MCCH Executive Director Sharan London, MNCBIA President Tom Farasy, HBCF President Ted Smart, and others look on.

Creating Homes

Homebuilders—Responsive, Responsible And Respected

Malta House Kitchen Receives In-Kind Renovation



Sister Jean and Chef Jacques in their new kitchen.

The chef was delighted, the facilities manager and director both rejoiced, and the scores of seniors in residence cheered. They had all been closely watching the teams of well-choreographed workers all week at their assisted living facility as the hard-working kitchen at Malta House was transformed.

Thanks to **Craftstar Homes**, **Mid-South Building Supply**, and a team of contributing trade partners—**Ben Lewis Plumbing**, **Creative Touch Interiors**, **Direct Supply**, **Lapole Electric**, and **M. Moreno Punch-out Corp.**, the project was completed well within a week.

Malta House is a 31-unit assisted living residential home for lower-income seniors operated by Victory Housing, a non-profit

housing development arm of the Archdiocese of Washington. Hundreds of meals are prepared in the kitchen on a daily basis. Before the renovation, residential-style cabinets and countertops were over-worn and pulling from the walls and the electrical system was regularly strained. After the renovation, the kitchen now shines with new stainless steel shelving, counters, upgraded electric and plumbing as well as a number of new appliances.

“The transformation of our kitchen is amazing,” commented Sister Jean Louise Forkin, Director of Malta House. *“In less than a week, our kitchen was demolished and rebuilt in true commercial quality.”* ✨



Walkers for Home Builders Care – Cheers to those who braved the cold and crowds at the 2008 Help the Homeless Walkathon on Saturday, November 22 on the National Mall in Washington, DC. More than \$30,000 is expected to be raised through the Fannie Mae sponsored event for HBCF.

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Building Neighborhoods

Homebuilders—Creating Neighborhoods With Purpose and Vision

2008 Community Service Winners Honored

The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF), named the winners of the **2008 Community Service Awards** at the association’s January dinner meeting. The award is presented annually to individuals or companies in the local home building industry in recognition of significant contributions to the community through unselfish efforts and dedication in support of projects that help the poor and disadvantaged in our communities.

Five outstanding building industry members were honored. Awards were presented in the following categories: The **Community Builder Award**—presented in recognition of a builder member who helps raise awareness of the industry’s spirit of giving; the **Directors Award**—presented in recognition of leadership and advocacy for the mission and purpose of Home Builders Care; and the **Tom Sawyer Award**—presented in recognition of significant in-kind donations to HBCF’s shelter-related projects.



Newland Communities was the first to be honored with a **Community Builder Award**. Since 2006, Newland Communities has held *Life is good®* Pumpkin Festivals in its’ communities from coast-to-coast. Free to attend, the pumpkin festivals give families a fun-filled day of pumpkin carving, games, music, food and more, all the while raising funds for charity. For the past two years, locally, a large portion of the proceeds from the Clarksburg Town Center Festival benefited Home Builders Care Foundation’s own **HomeAid Washington, DC**, chapter and its ongoing efforts to help families in need.

The second **Community Builder Award** was presented to **Mid-Atlantic Builders, Inc.** Last Spring, this homebuilder captained an HBCF project for Hearts and Homes for Youth, bringing together its business partners, employees and friends to improve a transitional home for eight at-risk adolescent males in Hyattsville. Approximately \$25,000 of work was completed, with the majority of the work being done by Mid-Atlantic employees. Additionally in 2008, Mid-Atlantic undertook a second corporate community service project for

the Jewish Housing & Community Development Corporation of Greater Washington DC (Yachad) and helped renovate a kitchen for a low-income homeowner.

TW Perry was honored with the third Community Builder Award. The company has long had a commitment to community and for the past number of years has generously provided in-kind donations of materials to charitable construction programs like the HBCF and Rebuilding Together. In 2008, an HBCF project for the Yellow Ribbon Fund also benefited from TW Perry’s goodwill. The project, to construct a new 10,000 sq. ft. accessible courtyard on the grounds of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center was chaired by TW Perry’s own **Ed Quinn**, a Yellow Ribbon Fund board member. Last May, after six-months of construction, the Mologne House Courtyard was dedicated and now serves as a welcome retreat for wounded servicemen and women and their families during their time of healing.

The **Directors Award** was presented to **Brett Egloff**. In January 2008, Brett announced his Run for Shelter—his personal challenge to help raise awareness and money for the HBCF. In May, after months and weeks of training and soliciting over 75 sponsors, Brett completed his mission by crossing the finish line at a time of 2 hours 20 minutes and 37 seconds and raising nearly \$11,000 for Home Builders Care.

The **Tom Sawyer Award** was presented to **Annandale Millwork/Allied Systems** of Winchester Virginia for their contributions to the construction of the Men’s Emergency Shelter Addition in Rockville. When the originally bid supplier of lumber and wall panels was unable to perform on the shelter project, Annandale Millwork stepped in with quality service, in good time, and at a greatly reduced cost. Their outstanding hands-on effort helped Builder Captain Winchester Homes complete the project on time and under budget.

The cooperation, dedication and spirit of our 2008 Community Service Award Winners are excellent examples of why the Home Builders Care program succeeds in enhancing the lives of poor and homeless individuals and families in our communities. ✨