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To help create a region in which the association promotes and protects the viability of the building industry by serving its members, who strive to meet the housing needs of all Americans.

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## The HBA Embarks Upon New Charitable Building Project



The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF), the HBA's charitable arm, excited from the success of the Lydia's House and Habitat for Humanity-St. Charles projects has decided to pursue another "bricks and mortar" project. A "bricks and mortar" project is an effort where HBA members raise money as well as spearhead the construction on a shelter project to benefit our community. It's a hands-on approach that lets HBA members get involved by serving as project managers, suppliers and installers as well as financial supporters.

The next "bricks and mortar" project will be renovating the dorm facility for the Center For Women In Transition. The center works with and on behalf of women in prison

for non-violent crimes during incarceration and after release to help them transition back into society.

The seed money for this first undertaking was generously provided by HBA builder member **Jim Brennan** of **McKelvey Homes** and HBA associate member **Charlie Bennett** of **C. Bennett Building Supply**. Each gave \$25,000 towards this venture and challenged the rest of the HBA membership to match their \$50,000. We are proud to say this challenge has been met and the renovations will begin this winter!

HBA builder member **Roger Kepner** of **Landmark Builders**, who spearheaded the Lydia's House project, will once again take the lead on the Women In Transition endeavor. ■



## HBA Forms Green Building Council; St. Louis Builder has First Verified "Green Home" in U.S.



HBA builder member **Gene Reuther** of **H-R Construction 1, LLC** (center) is surrounded by the representatives from **Laclede Gas Company** who verified his project as the first home to meet the Green Building Initiative-St. Louis requirements.

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**G**reen building options have generally been thought of as expensive alternatives to traditional building. The HBA's newly formed Green Building Council is hoping to dispel that myth.

One way the HBA Green Building Council promotes the use of green building practices is through its Green Building Initiative-St. Louis (GBI-St. Louis) verification program. The mission of GBI-St. Louis is to verify the use of building practices that result in even more energy-efficient, healthy sustainable buildings by promoting credible and practical green building approaches for residential construction.

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) originally drafted the *Model Green Building Guidelines* in order to create a voluntary green building option that met the builders' and consumers' needs. Green building is an option that builders, and consumers, can work together to integrate into the home buyer's final product.

HBA builder member **Gene Reuther** of **H-R Construction 1, LLC** was

the first builder to apply for verification in the St. Louis region and the first in the United States to be verified under the NAHB *Model Green Building Guidelines*. Currently, several HBA builder members are moving through the GBI-St. Louis verification program and should receive verification within the next six months.

The GBI-St. Louis program relies on the expertise of Laclede Gas, the third party verifier, to provide verifications of green built homes at a reasonable cost in the St. Louis region. The Laclede Gas inspectors verify that the home is built to the NAHB *Model Green Building Guidelines* and what level of "green" the home has been built to meet. The program has three levels of green building: bronze, silver and gold. The levels are based on points received for products and building practices in several categories throughout the development and building process.

Contact HBA Senior Assistant Staff Vice President for Government & Environment Affairs Caitlyn Peel at 314-994-7700 (x116) for more information on the HBA's Green Building Council. ■

# HBA Takes Elected Officials and City Staff on Bus Tour



Elected officials, city staff and HBA builder representatives listened to a description of the development process and the success of open communication and flexibility related to residential development.

The HBA has recently completed another bus tour with attendees including local elected officials, city staff and HBA members. This most recent tour involved attendees from the City of Troy. The HBA has also conducted tours with representatives from the City of Wright City, the City of Wentzville and Lincoln County government.

Periodically the HBA conducts tours for elected officials and staff from local counties and municipalities in order to facilitate communi-

cation concerning zoning issues, land planning, preconceived ideas related to density and other development and building related issues. The HBA provides information to elected officials and staff in order to help community leaders and planners better meet the future needs of their citizens.

During the bus tour, attendees were able to walk through display homes and residential streets to see the latest and best trends in residential living choices first hand. ■

# Four Community Groups Benefit from Annual HBA Homer Awards Competition



On August 19, four community groups provided judges for the annual HBA Homer Awards competition. For their time and effort the HBA donated \$1,200 to each group.

The groups were **Neighbors Assisting Neighbors, Ostanek USTA Tennis Team, Parkway South Band Boosters and Preceptor Gamma Zeta**. Each group will use the donation to fund

their organization's and community's needs.

The Homer Award is the "Oscar" of the local residential building industry. The award recognizes excellence in design, workmanship and value in residential construction projects throughout the St. Louis region.

The Homer Award winners were announced on September 30, 2006. Visit [www.stlhba.com](http://www.stlhba.com) for a complete list of winners. ■

# HBA Rewards Moscow Mills Man with \$1,000 for Reporting Jobsite Theft in St. Louis County



2006 HBA President **Ken Stricker** of **Consort Homes** (left) presented a \$1,000 reward to **Mike Bess** of **Moscow Mills, Missouri** for reporting suspicious activity at a new home community.

**Mike Bess** reported suspicious activity at a home under construction in a **McBride & Son Homes** community in St. Louis County which led to the arrest of a man stealing more than \$500 worth of materials. For his effort Bess received a \$1,000 reward from the HBA.

The HBA is still offering a reward up to \$10,000 for information leading to the conviction of the person(s) responsible for the arson at Mississippi Place located at the corner of Mississippi and Lafayette in Lafayette Square. The community was built by HBA builder member **Gilded Age Renovations**.

The HBA Rewards Program gives monetary rewards to those who provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of, or guilty plea by, anyone committing acts of arson, vandalism or stealing at HBA members' jobsites. ■

# Builder Highlights

## HBA Builder Member Fulford Homes Sponsors Big Brothers Big Sisters Fundraiser



HBA builder members **Jim Pehle, Gayle Kombrink, Mark Fulford, Jill Walter and Jeff Spears** of Fulford Homes

HBA builder member **Fulford Homes** was a major sponsor for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois' 25th annual "2006 Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake" for the second consecutive year. Additionally, Fulford's bowling team raised more than \$5,500 for the charity. Both contributions made Fulford the top fundraiser in the organization's history. The annual bowl is the charity's largest and most important fundraiser for the year and takes place at several locations throughout Southwestern Illinois.

## HBA Associate Member Hallmark Stone's Commitment to the Community

Building on the success of its annual countertop remnant sales to benefit local charities, HBA associate member **Hallmark Stone** recently increased its charitable efforts by providing countertops for three charity-based home building/remodeling projects and hosting two countertop auctions to benefit Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri and the Council for Extended Care. In early 2006, Hallmark also teamed up with the seniors at DeSmet High School for their senior class project – building a home for a less fortunate family. Hallmark supplied and installed Silestone countertops in the kitchen of the new home.

## O'Fallon, Missouri Ranked in Top 100 Best Places to Live



Recently, *Money* magazine announced the "Top 100 Best Places to Live" and O'Fallon, Missouri came in at 39. The magazine stated "Americans are flocking to places that offer big-city opportunities and amenities – with a lot more green space and a lot less stress." The cities are judged in eight categories: financial, housing, education, quality of life, leisure and culture, weather, health and resident statistics. The HBA has contributed \$5,000 to an O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce fund to promote the recognition.

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