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HBA Mission Statement:

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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HBA Supports Focus St. Louis' Workforce Housing Public Awareness Campaign



Home Building Industry Advancement Fund (HBIAF) President **Bob Behlman** of **R.H. Behlman & Sons** (left) and HBIAF Vice Chairman **Ken Stricker** of **Consort Homes** (right) presented a \$35,000 donation to FOCUS St. Louis Executive Director **Christine Chadwick** to support the FOCUS St. Louis Workforce Housing Public Awareness Campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to increase community support for affordable workforce housing and combating "Not in My Backyard" attitudes regarding housing people with moderate incomes.

FOCUS St. Louis was created through the merger of two of the region's most influential nonprofit organizations, Confluence St. Louis and The Leadership Center of Greater St. Louis. On July 1, 1996, FOCUS St. Louis was formed with a mission to create a thriving, cooperative region by engaging citizens to participate in active leadership roles and to influence positive community change.



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The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) Donates \$14,000 to Local Charities in Last Quarter



The Home Builders Charitable Foundation, the HBA's charitable arm, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing housing assistance to people or organizations with special shelter needs. ■

Our Lady's Inn Receives \$4,000 from HBCF



Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left), 2007 HBA President **Matt Belcher** of **Belcher Homes** (right) and HBCF key contributor **Greg Vatterott** of **C.F. Vatterott Construction Co.** presented a \$4,000 donation to **Gloria Lee**, executive director of **Our Lady's Inn** (second from left), and **Connie Eller**, development director for **Our Lady's Inn**, on behalf of the HBCF. The funds will be used to replace a septic system in **Our Lady's Inn's** new **St. Charles Maternity Home**. **Our Lady's Inn** provides emergency shelter for homeless families.

HBCF Donates \$5,000 to Rainbow Village



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) and 2007 HBA President **Matt Belcher** of **Belcher Homes** (second from right) presented a \$5,000 donation to **Janet Wright**, director of development and community relations for **Rainbow Village**, on behalf of the HBCF. HBCF key contributor **Charlie Bennett** of **C. Bennett Building Supply** (right) is also pictured. The funds will be used to build a new handicapped accessible villa for six aging women with developmental disabilities. **Rainbow Village** provides quality homes in the **St. Louis metro area** for people with developmental disabilities, enabling each resident to be the best that he or she can be.

More Local Charities Receive HBCF Donations

North Grand Neighborhood Services received \$2,500 from HBCF to help complete the rehab of an abandoned four-family flat into two, three bedroom, two bath townhomes for low income housing. The organization's vision is to decrease the number of vacant, abandoned houses in its community by providing affordable housing through new construction and rehabbing.

The HBCF donated \$1,500 to The Haven of Grace's Quadrangle project. The funds will be used to help

cover the cost of gutters and down spouts for the project, located on the organization's campus. The Haven of Grace is a transitional, residential facility for homeless, pregnant women.

St. Vincent Home for Children received \$1,000 from HBCF to offset the installation of a fire detection and monitoring system for its new Emergency Shelter Program. St. Vincent is committed to providing safe, quality living quarters for troubled youth. ■

St. Charles County Housing Summit

**She can teach your child,
but she can't be your neighbor.**



Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Time: A breakfast meeting from 7:30-9 a.m.

Place: Columns Banquet Center in St. Charles
711 Veterans Memorial Parkway, St Charles, MO 63303

Topic: The Housing Summit will address the issue of workforce housing in St. Charles County.

“Workforce housing” means expanding housing opportunities for America’s working families. Many of the people working in our communities, such as teachers, nurses and police officers, among others, cannot afford a home in the county where they work. When the people we need to make our communities thrive and succeed must live far away, our communities suffer. Businesses can’t find the employees they need. Residents can’t find the services they need. Learn what you can do to help promote positive change!

Hear a dynamic, moving presentation by Richard Mendenhall, a nationally-known speaker and real estate expert.

Please call 636-410-0300 or e-mail rsvp@edcsc.com to register.

Attendance is complimentary. Elected and appointed government officials will receive a special invitation to the seminar.

A representative from every HBA builder company is invited to attend.

The event is presented by:



The ability of a community to provide safe, decent and affordable housing is critical to its success. Development of “Workforce” housing is a vital factor in accommodating economic growth and increasing a community’s economic prosperity.

HOME St. Charles’ Mission – “Supporting the economic vision of St. Charles County by connecting families and individuals to housing resources that serve everyone.”

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Builder Highlights

HBA Builder Member Named to BBB Board of Directors



Scott James

HBA builder member **Scott James**, president of **McBride & Son Homes**, has been named to the Better Business Bureau's board of directors. James joins HBA associate member **Jim Compton** of **Compton Roofing** and **Preston Fancher** of **Pella Windows & Doors** on the BBB board.

HBA Associate Member SCI Engineering Earns Grand Award in Engineering Excellence

HBA associate member **SCI Engineering** earned a Grand Award in the Engineering Excellence Awards Competition for its brownfields redevelopment work on Gaslight Square in St. Louis. Sponsored by the American Council of Engineering Companies, the annual awards competition recognized notable engineering projects in 10 different categories. SCI's work on Gaslight Square won in the environmental category and won a National Finalist award. The redevelopment of Gaslight Square started with the HBA's 2004 CityRama, a single-site showcase of homes. Nine HBA CityRama builders worked for more than a year, from planning to completed home, to build a dream street of twelve beautiful, urban custom homes out of the rubble that was once historic Gaslight Square.

HBA Associate Member Kevin Riggs Chairs American Heart Association's Annual Walk



Kevin Riggs

HBA associate member **Kevin Riggs** of **Cole & Associates** was chairman of the American Heart Association's Heart Walk in St. Charles. Riggs and his team raised more than \$11,000 for the American Heart Association.

Masonry Industry Contributes Brick Facades to Habitat for Humanity Project

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Louis area masonry industry, the 20 newly constructed Habitat for Humanity homes in the Jeff-Vander-Lou neighborhood will showcase beautiful brick front facades in keeping with the area's architectural heritage. The following HBA mason contracting and material companies contributed to the build: **Doug Nichols Masonry, John J. Smith Masonry, Spencer Brickwork, Buchheit Supply, Earthworks, Kirchner Block & Brick, Raineri Construction Products** and **Richards Brick Co.**



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