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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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## The HBA Invests \$50,000 in RCGA Economic Development Campaign



**H**BA builder member and RCGA board member **Rick Sullivan** of **McBride & Son Homes** (left) presented a \$50,000 HBA check to Regional Chamber & Growth Association President **Dick Fleming** as an investment in the RCGA economic development campaign. The HBA is in the second year of a five-year commitment that will total \$250,000. The campaign will create and maintain jobs in the region and fuel economic growth.

The campaign is unprecedented for this area in several ways, including its use of new, research-based communications materials. Those materials include a new logo and tagline – “St. Louis: Perfectly Centered. Remarkably Connected.” – designed to highlight the 16-county area’s distinctive strengths in the national and global economy. ■



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# Salvation Army Benefits from O'Fallon, Missouri National Honor and HBA Member Contributions



After being named one of America's Best Places to Live (2006) by Money® magazine, the City of O'Fallon held two events – a Lee Greenwood concert at the stadium in October for residents and a black-tie gala for corporate and business members of the city in November – to honor those who make O'Fallon great. At both events, the city honored various individuals and groups for their achievements in making O'Fallon a great place to live. For each event, sponsors were solicited to help with underwriting the events. The HBA and HBA members **Fred Weber, Inc.**, **McBride & Son Homes**, **McKelvey Homes**, **Saint Charles Business Magazine** and **T.R. Hughes** were a few of the sponsors. More money was raised than needed to cover expenses for the events, so a \$10,000 check was presented to **Captain Jesus Trejo** (center) of the Salvation Army by O'Fallon City Council President **Peter Cantwell**, O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Executive Director **Rose Mack**, O'Fallon resident **Ashley Radke**, HBA Executive Vice President **Pat Sullivan**, HBA associate member **Tom Dunne, Jr.** of **Fred Weber, Inc.**, HBA builder member **Skip Stone** of **McBride & Son Homes**, HBA associate member **Deb Smith** of **Saint Charles Magazine** and O'Fallon City Administrator **Robert Lowery**.

## Building on a Dream: A Joint Report From the NAACP and the NAHB

The NAACP and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) share similar missions, values and visions. With goals of seeing a world built around homes and families, where color is not an issue, where people want to do business, but more importantly, a world where we want our children and grandchildren to live, the NAACP and the NAHB have unveiled a joint policy paper, *Building on a Dream*.

This report provides a comprehensive view of the state of minority housing

opportunity, identifies the barriers to housing choice and housing affordability, and describes the many economic and social benefits of increasing minority homeownership.

The report concludes with nine policy recommendations and related action items that both organizations will take in this effort to improve housing opportunity for all Americans.

The full report is available at: [www.naacp.org/buildingonadream](http://www.naacp.org/buildingonadream) and [www.nahb.org/buildingonadream](http://www.nahb.org/buildingonadream). ■

# The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) Donates \$40,000 to Local Shelter Programs in Last Quarter of 2006



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. ■



## HBCF Donates \$10,000 for "Drop-In Center"



2007 HBA President **Matt Belcher** of **Belcher Homes** (left) and HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (second from left) presented a \$10,000 donation to **Reverend Conway Briscoe**, Centenary Methodist Church, and City of St. Louis Executive Director for Development **Barbara Geisman**. Also pictured is HBCF key contributor **Harry Freeman** of **Mayer Homes** (right). The funds will assist the City of St. Louis and the church with construction of a "Drop-In Center" for the homeless in the church's complex. The center is a key component of the City/County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. It will provide homeless people with shelter, meals, access to telephones and sanitary shower/toilet facilities, in addition to services designed to assist them in escaping the cycle of homelessness.

## Edgewood Receives \$10,000 From HBCF



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) presented a \$10,000 donation to **Anne Marie Putschen**, director of child care services for Edgewood Children's Center, and **Jim Wuertenberg**, director of special operations for Edgewood. The monies will pay for installation of rubberized tile flooring in Edgewood's residential cottages. The cottages at Edgewood are the full-time home to 40 children with special shelter needs. The children have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, insufficient guidance and support. Most of them present severe behavior and communication difficulties. The rubberized tile flooring will provide an area for play and peer group sessions while ensuring a safe and clean environment for the children to learn and grow.

## Ronald McDonald House Receives \$10,000



2007 HBA President **Matt Belcher** of **Belcher Homes** (left) and HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (right) presented a \$10,000 donation to **Jenifer Braucksieker**, director of house operations for Ronald McDonald House Charities, on behalf of the HBCF. The funds will be used to help cover the cost of new carpeting in the bedrooms at the original Ronald McDonald House on West Pine in the Central West End.

## HBCF Gives \$10,000 to Little Sisters of the Poor



2007 HBA President **Matt Belcher** of **Belcher Homes** (left) and HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (second from left) presented a \$10,000 donation to **Holly Blaskiewicz**, director of development for Little Sisters of the Poor. Also pictured is HBCF key contributor **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** (right). The funds will be used to replace an outdated fire alarm control panel and more than 70 smoke detectors at the organization's residence in Hyde Park.

# Builder Highlights

## Youth In Need Honors HBA Builder Member Tom Hughes



Tom Hughes

Youth In Need (YIN) honored HBA builder member **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** at its Celebration of Youth 2006 fundraiser. YIN honored Hughes because he is a strong “builder” of community and a staunch supporter of organizations like YIN that serve children and families.

## St. Charles, Missouri 63304 Ranked on *BusinessWeek.com*'s “25 Best Affordable Suburbs in U.S.”

*BusinessWeek.com* recently released its “25 Best Affordable Suburbs in the U.S.” and St. Charles, Mo. 63304 made the list. All or parts of the cities of Cottleville, St. Peters and Weldon Spring along with the township of Weldon Spring Heights and some unincorporated St. Charles County are included in the 63304 listing. The listing focused on affordable suburbs near the nation's largest metropolitan areas. The top 25 U.S. suburbs were selected based on cost of living, median home prices, secondary school test scores and violent crime statistics. St. Charles 63304 had a median home price of \$212,000, a cost of living index of 101.7, a violent crime index of 22 and secondary school test scores index of 127.

## HBA Builder Member Taylor-Morley Homes Donates to Three Local Charities



*Taylor-Morley Homes' Community Partnership board members and HBA members **Brian Olivio** of **Ambassador Flooring** and **John Bennett** of **Taylor-Morley Homes** presented a \$2,500 check to **Kathy Sindel** and **Julie Gaebe** of **Haven House**. **Haven House** provides a home and support for families traveling to St. Louis to receive medical care for their children.*

**Taylor-Morley Homes' Community Partnership**, the builder's charitable arm, recently made donations to **Haven House**, **Wilma & The Messenger Ministries** and **North Side Team Ministry**. A \$2,200 check was presented to **Wilma & The Messenger Ministries**. The ministry provides children and adults who lack insurance with the provisions for medical care. **North Side Team Ministry** received \$2,500 to provide safe, decent and affordable rental housing for its tenants and other residents of the **Water Tower** neighborhood.

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