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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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HBA Members Donate \$400,000 to Complete Lydia's House Project



HomeAid America President Michael Lennon, HBA Builder Member Rick Sullivan of McBride & Son Homes, St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley, Lydia's House Executive Director Dawn Stringfield, HBA Builder Member Roger Kepner of Landmark Builders, HBA Builder Member Tim Martin of McKelvey Homes and HBA Builder Member Dave Dunlap of Consolidated Construction Group participated in the Lydia's House dedication at the Home Builders Association on Tuesday, September 27.

Thirty-five Home Builders Association (HBA) member companies donated time, material and services totalling more than \$400,000 to renovate four apartment buildings for Lydia's House.

The goal of Lydia's House is to give women and children affected by domestic violence the chance to have a safe, secure, supportive environ-

ment to live in while they reclaim their lives.

The four apartment buildings have been renovated into eight one-bedroom, and four three-bedroom units. The project will give 12 women and up to 28 children a place to live together, safely and independently for up to two years, while growing, healing and learning. n



Home Building Helps Families and Communities Prosper

Residential growth and development sustains jobs, families and communities by providing local communities with fees, taxes and employment.

Every time a new home is built it affects the area in a variety of ways. Wages earned by construction workers, payments for transportation of building materials, payments received by support staff, and fees and taxes collected by governments are only a few of the financial impacts.

However, according to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD), regulatory barriers imposed by state and local government can boost building costs by as much as 35%. These costs must be passed on to the home buyer.

“According to the Bureau of the Census, every \$1,000 increase in housing prices means that an additional 300,000 families are unable to purchase a home.”

The Wall Street Journal, August 11, 2000

A study commissioned by a St. Louis regional organization called The Urban Choice Coalition examined new residential growth in five areas. Two of the five areas were in St. Charles County. The five new home communities were built within 30 total taxing districts – area school districts, cities, counties and other special districts such as library, fire and park districts. The study found that the average profit for all of the 30 taxing jurisdictions was \$3,000 per home per year.

*The Fiscal Impact of Residential Growth
By Impact DataSource, 2004*

Complete study available at www.UrbanChoice.org

“Housing is a powerful force in the economy. Single family and multi-

family construction plus remodeling account for about 15% of the nation’s total economic activity. During economic recoveries, housing’s impact on the economy is even greater, accounting for up to one-third of the change in the gross domestic product (GDP).

The construction of 1,000 single-family homes generates:

- 2,448 jobs in construction and construction-related industries
- Approximately \$79.4 million in wages and more than \$42.5 million in federal, state and local tax revenues and fees

Housing’s economic impact doesn’t end when the home is sold and the new owners move in. In fact, housing continues to be an economic force long after the sale is closed. In the first 12 months after purchasing a newly-built home, owners spend an average of \$8,905 to furnish, decorate and improve their homes. Buyers of existing homes spend \$3,766 more than non-moving home owners during the 12 months after purchasing the home and renters spend significant amounts on furnishing their new homes.

Housing accounts for the largest portion, 31%, of total household wealth in the United States. The total value of the U.S. housing stock is more than \$15 trillion, and home owners have a total of about \$8 trillion in home equity.”

*Housing Facts, Figures & Trends
National Association of Home Builders*

These numbers are for a typical metropolitan area using national averages. But, the bottom line remains the same – home building helps families and communities prosper. n

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The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) Donates \$24,800 to Local Shelter Programs



The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF)

is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance in housing to people or organizations with special shelter needs to further the building industry objective of bettering the community. n

HBCF Gives \$4,000 to Edgewood Children's Center



2006 HBA President **Ken Stricker** of *The Jones Company* (left) and Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) President **Harold Burkemper** of *First Construction of St. Charles* (right) presented a \$4,000 donation to **Jim Wuertenberg**, director of special operations for Edgewood Children's Center, and **Mary Hizer**, associate director of development for Edgewood, on behalf of the Home Builders Charitable Foundation. The funds will pay for installation of gas lines in the laundry areas of Edgewood's children's residential cottage to run the used industrial grade washers and dryers that were recently purchased. The children that come to Edgewood have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, lack of parental supervision or support, or severe behavior and communication difficulties.



HBCF Donates \$5,800 to YouthBridge Family Community



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of *First Construction of St. Charles* and 2006 HBA President **Ken Stricker** of *The Jones Company* presented a \$5,800 donation to **Kathy Sindel**, executive director of YouthBridge Family Community, and **Julie Gaebe**, director of development for YouthBridge, on behalf of the HBCF. Also pictured is HBA member **John Bennett** of *Taylor-Morley Homes* who sponsored YouthBridge's request. YouthBridge Family Community provides the comfort of home and a community of support for families who travel to St. Louis to receive medical care for their children. The funds will help with the cost of replacement doors at the facility.

The Kathy J. Weinman Shelter Receives \$15,000 From HBCF



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of *First Construction of St. Charles* (left) and 2006 HBA President **Ken Stricker** of *The Jones Company* (right) presented a \$15,000 donation to **Dru Redmond**, president of The Friends of the Kathy J. Weinman Shelter Board, on behalf of the HBCF. The Kathy J. Weinman Shelter helps abused women and their children break the cycle of domestic violence by providing a safe, confidential emergency shelter and support services. The funds will help with renovations and repairs for the shelter.

Home Building Industry Advancement Scholarships Available

The Home Builders Association of Greater St. Louis has recently established a scholarship program to assist in addressing the critical need for educating and training managers in the home building industry. The program is intended to provide tuition assistance to undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a career in the home building industry. Each year \$5,000 will be available for the scholarships. Individual scholarships will not exceed \$2,500.

The applicant must be registered as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student for the Fall 2006 term and have at least one full academic year of course work remaining after the scholarship is awarded. Applicants must be pursuing study in a housing related program such as construction management, residential building, construction technology, civil engineering, architecture, or any of the trade specialties at the institution they attend.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements pick up an application at the HBA, 10104 Old Olive St. Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141 or call the HBA at 314-994-7700 and request an application be mailed. The application will also be available January 1, 2006 on the HBA web site - www.stlhba.com.

Postmark deadline for complete application packets is May 1, 2006. Award notifications will be mailed on July 1, 2006. n

Builder Highlights

HBA Builder Member The Jones Company Donates to Habitat for Humanity - St. Louis



HBA member *The Jones Company* Division President **Ken Stricker** presented **Kimberly McKinney**, executive director of *Habitat for Humanity*, a check for \$20,000. The donation is the second of the builder's three-year, \$60,000 commitment to the agency.

Centex Homes St. Louis Salutes Public Servants

Centex Homes, St. Louis Division, including HBA builder members **The Jones Company** and **Fox & Jacobs Homes**, introduced an incentive program geared toward public servants in Missouri and Illinois. The company is offering a \$1,000 discount on all of its homes to active police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The program is also available to members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including actives, reserves and veterans.

HBA Builder Member Taylor-Morley Homes Donates to Special Olympics



HBA builder members **Jaime Guerrero** (left) and **Jim Austin**, with the Community Partnership at *Taylor-Morley Homes*, the home builder's charitable arm, presented **Jennifer Brown**, east area development coordinator of *Special Olympics of Missouri*, a check for \$4,000.

HBA Members Receive Dove Awards

Saint Charles Business Magazine's 3rd Annual Dove Awards, celebrating the accomplishments and achievements of women who live and/or work in St. Charles County, recognizes 10 different categories of achievement. The winners in four categories were HBA members: Career/Business - **Brenda Suit** (Cross Homes & Associates); Home-Based Business - **Linda Jacobsen** (Hannegan Real Estate and Construction); Personal Achievement - **Lucie Chartrand** (Fischer & Frichtel) and Governmental Impact - **Denice McKeown** (T.R. Hughes).

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