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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 Home Builders Charitable Foundation Surpasses One Million Dollars in Giving

Since making its first contribution in 1998, the Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) has surpassed one million dollars in giving to shelter-related charities in the St. Louis area.

The HBCF, the HBA's charitable arm, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance in housing to people or organizations with special shelter needs.

**Between 1998 and February 2006, HBCF has donated \$630,700 to more than 40 organizations.**

In 2005, not only did HBCF continue to give to shelter-related charities, **the HBA and its members donated \$400,000 in cash, material, labor and services to rehab 12 apartments for Lydia's House**, Missouri's largest provider of confidential, furnished apartments for abused women and children.

Thanks to the HBA and its builder and associate members, Lydia's House now provides 12 families with good quality housing (up to 40

beds) to live in for up to two years. With this addition, Lydia's House has the capacity to house 37 families at a time.

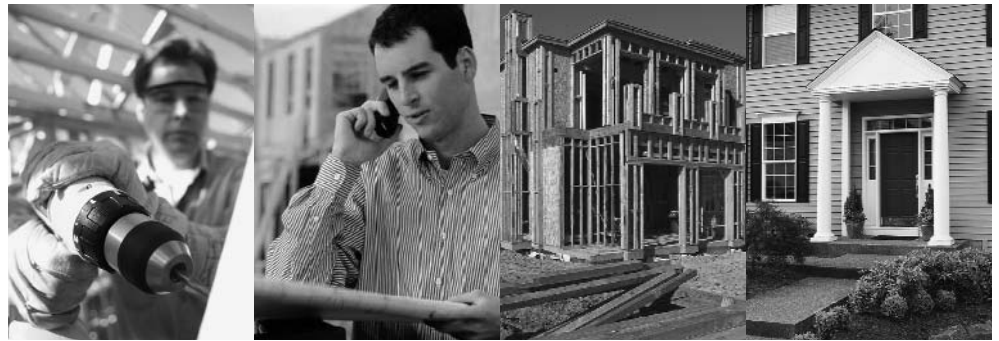
This year, the HBA has taken on another large project and broke ground on a Habitat for Humanity home in Wentzville for a family victimized by Hurricane Katrina. **To date, the HBA and its members have given more than \$85,000 in cash, material, labor and services towards the completion of the house.** n



*Work is progressing on the HBA-sponsored Habitat House in Wentzville for a family victimized by Hurricane Katrina.*



# Staying Current with the Home Building Industry



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The U.S. Census Bureau provides valuable information for the construction industry. The Bureau tracks building permits, housing starts and housing completions. The following is data from 2005:

- An estimated 2,141,200 housing units were authorized by building permits
- An estimated 2,064,700 housing units were started
- An estimated 1,930,300 housing units were completed

## Fast Facts

- 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.

Source: National Association of Home Builders, NAHB  
2004 Facts, Figures & Trends [www.nahb.org](http://www.nahb.org)

- The U.S. workforce is 115 million people strong at 7.1 million sites. Construction is one of the nation's largest industries with 8.3 million workers. The number includes 1.6 million self-employed and 6.7 million wage and salary jobs.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
Statistics [www.stats.bls.gov](http://www.stats.bls.gov) and [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

- There are more than 150 careers involved with building a home.
- By the year 2012 there will be a need for an additional 1.1 million special trades contractors.

## Bet You Didn't Know...

- Housing accounts for about 15% of gross domestic product (GDP) in a typical year.
- 18 million new homes and apartment units will need to be built to meet demand over the next decade.
- A typical 100-unit project in an average city generates 559 jobs over 10 years, \$161.7 million in local income over 10 years and \$25.5 million in local taxes and fees over 10 years.
- New home sales reached a record of over one million in 2003.
- A typical new home weighs in at about 339,000 pounds, or more than 150 tons.
- Today's average new single-family home is 2,320 square feet, and includes 23 linear feet of kitchen countertops and 19 windows.
- In the first 12 months after purchasing a newly built home, owners spend an average of \$8,905 to furnish, decorate and improve them.
- Since 1980, home prices on average have increased around five percent annually and have never shown an annual loss. <sup>n</sup>

# The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) Donates \$73,000 to Local Shelter Programs in First Quarter of 2006



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## \$15,000 to North Side Team Ministries



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) and HBA President **Ken Stricker** of **Consort Homes** (right) presented a \$15,000 donation to **Charles Tyler**, executive director of **North Side Team Ministry**. The funds will be used to help renovate eight vacant rental units in the North St. Louis Water Tower Community that will ultimately house families in a clean and safe environment.

## Adapt-Ability Receives \$10,000 From HBCF



HBA President **Ken Stricker** of **Consort Homes** (left) presented a \$10,000 donation to **Mark Berra**, chief of operations for **Adapt-Ability**. The donation will be used to provide accessible housing for a paraplegic young man so that he may begin to live independently. The organization's mission is to enable people with disabilities by allowing them to live in their own homes, stay with their families, or live more independently through home modifications.

## \$10,000 to Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Charles



HBA President **Ken Stricker** of **Consort Homes** (left) and HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (right) presented a \$10,000 donation to **Gary Steinhoff**, executive director of **Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Charles County**, and **Jeanette Koehler**, employee-resource development director of **Boys and Girls Clubs**. The funds will be used for a shelter where children can go after school for guidance and supervision.

## \$15,000 to Angels' Arms to Repair Home for Foster Children



HBA President **Ken Stricker** of **Consort Homes** presented a \$15,000 donation to **Bess Wilfong**, executive director of **Angels' Arms**. The funds will be used to help renovate a home that will house foster children. **Angels' Arms** provides houses, resources and assistance in living for foster families with an emphasis on keeping sibling groups together.

## Youth In Need Receives \$18,000 From HBCF



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) and HBA President **Ken Stricker** of **Consort Homes** (right) presented a \$18,000 donation to **Jim Braun**, president and chief executive officer of **Youth In Need (YIN)**. The funds will be used to make repairs and improvements at two YIN locations

## \$5,000 to New Life Evangelistic Center to Finish Renovations



HBA President **Ken Stricker** of **Consort Homes** presented a \$5,000 donation to **Debi Anderson**, coordinator for **New Life Evangelistic Center (NLEC)**. The funds will be used to purchase materials needed to finish the repair and remodel of the fifth floor of a building owned by NLEC that will provide housing for 50 homeless men.

# Builder Highlights

## HBA Members Receive the Home Builders Association “Hall of Fame” Awards



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HBA builder member **Jim Brennan** of **McKelvey Homes** and HBA associate member **Charlie Bennett** of **C. Bennett Building Supply** recently received Excellence of Achievement Awards from the HBA. Brennan received the Builder Award and Bennett received the Associate Award. Winners are selected for a minimum of 15 years of service to the association, industry and community. The award is the equivalent of a home building industry “Hall of Fame” induction.

## The Levinson Brothers, HBA Builder Members, Increase Awareness of Holocaust Museum

HBA builder members **Tom** and **Ed Levinson** of **Levinson Homes** have created a way to help St. Louis area students learn more about the Holocaust. The brothers formed the Levinson Family Transportation and Education Fund to cover transportation costs and literature for St. Louis area school students, church groups and other youth organizations that have limited resources to tour the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center in Creve Coeur. More than eight city schools have signed up to take advantage of this opportunity. The Levinsons have made a 10-year funding commitment to help more than 10,000 individuals learn about tolerance towards people of every race and religion.

## Saaman Development Raises More Than \$60,000 for Charity



**Dennis Norman**

HBA builder member **Saaman Development** raised more than \$60,000 at its 11th Annual Holiday Benefit for charity. All of the funds were once again donated to the Women’s Safe House. The Women’s Safe House is a not-for-profit organization that provides shelter and services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. For the past 10 years, this event has raised almost \$500,000.

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