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Home Builders Break Ground on Habitat for Humanity Home in Wentzville



2006 Home Builders Association President **Ken Stricker** of *The Jones Company* (front row, left), Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles President **Colleen Bussen** and Project Manager **Scott Kerns** of *Vantage Homes* helped the **Hoffmann** family (back row), **Michael, Paige, Carolyn** and **Aaron**, break ground on their new home in Wentzville.

Members of the Home Builders Association of Greater St. Louis (HBA) broke ground on a Habitat for Humanity Home in Wentzville in December.

The home will be occupied by Aaron Hoffmann, his wife, Carolyn, and their children, Michael, 10 and Paige, 7, victims of Hurricane Katrina. The Hoffmann family is originally from Wentzville and moved to New Orleans in 2004. After losing every-

thing in Hurricane Katrina, the family moved back to the area and is living temporarily in a family member's home in Warrenton.

The HBA and its members have raised more than \$85,000 in cash, materials and labor to build the residence. Construction supervision is being donated by **Vantage Homes**. **Scott Kerns** will serve as the project manager and **Carl Wren** will be the superintendent. n



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Fire Sprinklers are Not the Answer for Residential Construction

Fire deaths are dropping drastically overall according to the National Fire Protection Association. Relative to housing, much data exists to show that new homes are not where fire deaths are a problem. Further, as new homes age, they will remain fire safe due to new technology and construction techniques, including hard-wired, battery backed-up smoke detectors.

However, fire sprinkler systems will age. Fire sprinklers require complicated, costly maintenance and annual inspections. If not prop-

erly maintained, the system can provide a false sense of security. Fire sprinklers in residential construction are usually pushed behind the scenes by special interests who benefit from the sale of products used in sprinkler systems.

Smoke detectors are the true answer for protecting the public in low rise residential construction, and we encourage all local governments to make sure its citizens are aware of the importance of smoke detectors and of replacing smoke detector batteries on a regular basis. n

HBA's Sales & Marketing Council Holds Holiday Party for CASA Children

The HBA's Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) held a special holiday party for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) children. Each year, CASA holds a party for kids in foster homes that were separated from their siblings. This year, HBA builder member and CASA board member **Andrea Lenzen** of **McKelvey Homes** asked the HBA's Sales & Marketing Council to hold the holiday party for the kids.



*HBA builder member and CASA board member **Andrea Lenzen** of **McKelvey Homes** and Lenzen's dog **Holly** were Santa's helpers. **Holly** attends all of CASA's holiday parties.*



Santa read "The Night Before Christmas" and then passed out presents to all the kids.

During the months leading up to the party, SMC council members donated toward the event to help buy presents for the children. The council raised more than \$1,200.

CASA's mission is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes. n

The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) Donates \$15,000 to Local Shelter Programs



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. n

HBCF Donates \$10,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities



Dan Harbaugh, president of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Metro St. Louis (left), accepted a \$10,000 Home Builders Charitable Foundation donation from HBA President **Ken Stricker** of **The Jones Company**. The donation will be used to cover the construction costs of remodeling one of the apartments in the original house on West Pine Avenue. The Ronald McDonald House is a home-away-from-home for families who have children receiving treatment in St. Louis area hospitals. The organization provides comfort and care to 39 families each evening and more than 1,400 families annually.

HBCF Donates \$5,000 to Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service



Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) and HBA President **Ken Stricker** of **The Jones Company** (right) presented a \$5,000 donation to **CJ Tiburzi**, director of programs for Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, on behalf of the Home Builders Charitable Foundation. The funds will help repair a home owned by a low-income family with a severely disabled member. Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service's mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger, and to protect families, especially children, the elderly and the disabled, regardless of race, age, gender or religion, from the despair, hopelessness, and social injustice caused by poverty.



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.

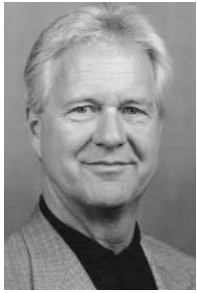
The applicant must be registered as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student for the Fall 2006 term and have at least one full academic year of course work remaining after the scholarship is awarded. Applicants must be pursuing study in a housing related program such as construction management, 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 Street Road, St. Louis, MO 63141 or call the HBA at 314-994-7700 and request an application be mailed. The application is also available 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 Members Sponsor United Services Event



Tom Hughes

For the second year in a row, HBA builder member **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** was the presenting sponsor for the United Services of St. Charles County Dinner Auction. HBA builder member **Ted Dettmer** of **McBride & Son Homes** was also a special sponsor for the event. More than 500 people

attended the dinner auction. The event raised more than \$210,000 for the organization, which provides programs and services for children with developmental delays or disabilities.

HBA Associate Member Receives PEAR Award



Bill Green

The St. Charles Community College Foundation has chosen HBA associate member **Bill Green** of **SCI Engineering** and his wife, **Belinda**, as the 2005 recipients of the Professional Excellence Achievement Recognition (PEAR) Award – the foundation's highest honor. The couple, who are longtime civic leaders and advocates

of education, were the guests of honor at the foundation's November gala. A scholarship has been established in their name. PEAR recipients are recognized for their personal and professional contributions to the quality of life for St. Charles County and its residents.

Taylor-Morley Homes' Community Partnership Donates to Three Local Charities

HBA builder member **Taylor-Morley Homes'** Community Partnership, the builder's charitable arm, has been busy presenting donations to Camp Penuel, Nurses for Newborns Foundation and YouthBridge Family Community. Camp Penuel, a free, nondenominational Christian camp for inner city and neglected children, received \$3,000. Nurses for Newborns was given a check for \$2,500. YouthBridge Family Community received \$2,000 to help update its facility. YouthBridge provides a home-away-from-home for families who travel to St. Louis to receive medical care for their children.

HBA Builder Member Rick Sullivan Donates to Lindenwood University to Start Unique Course



Rick Sullivan

Lindenwood University has developed a unique course to teach coaches how to teach values to their athletic teams. Thanks to a generous grant from HBA builder member **Rick Sullivan** of **McBride & Son Homes**, Lindenwood is working with school districts throughout the metropolitan area to implement this curriculum. The university is committed to putting values back into the classroom with a course titled Coaching with Character.

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