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Center for Women in Transition Project Complete



*HBA builder member **Dennis Boxdorfer** of **Denco Construction**, **Sister Rose McLarney**, executive director of the Center for Women in Transition, and **Autumn Ledford**, residential facility director for the Center for Women in Transition, cut the ribbon to officially celebrate the completion of two basements renovated by HBA members and funded by the HBCF.*

The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) traditionally gives funding to shelter related organizations so they can use their expertise to provide housing for those who need it the most. This time the HBA not only gave money to the project, but HBA members served as project managers, suppliers and installers to renovate the residential facility for the Center for Women in Transition (CWIT).

CWIT works with, and on behalf of, women in prison for non-violent crimes, during incarceration and after release to help them transition back into society. The Center provides a safe and nurturing environment that allows women to learn life skills and become productive members of society.

Renovations to the facility included turning the unfinished basements in each of the units into a learning center and welcoming room for the

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***Katie Boyne**, executive chef for **One World Neighborhood Caf ** - a CWIT pilot program, looks over the shoulder of **Vanessa Fuller**, a graduate of CWIT's mentoring program and an employee at **One World**, in the new computer learning center.*



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apartment residents. The project began in late 2006. After a few delays the project started back up in August 2007.

A team of HBA members transformed two unfinished basements, approximately 1,300 square feet each, into four separate areas with 900 square feet of finished space. The finished areas include a computer learning center in one basement and a general meeting area in the other basement. Each has an adjoining bathroom, a laundry facility and 90 square feet of secure storage. The building's mechanical systems are housed in a 500 square foot area.

To accomplish the project, HBA members had to update the space to meet current building codes. The electrical system was replaced, plumbing lines in the lower area were replaced and rerouted, a new drain, waste and vent system was installed to accommodate the addi-

tional bathrooms, two abandoned HVAC systems were removed, recycled and replaced with two energy-efficient HVAC systems, and to protect the new areas from water damage, a perimeter drain system with sump pumps was added.

The basement walls were insulated and drywalled for energy efficiency and sound control, new lights were installed throughout and vinyl composite flooring was laid for ease of daily maintenance.

The official opening of the completed project on March 11, 2008, was well attended by HBA members and staff, CWIT's board of directors and staff, and the women who will benefit from the new space.

In total, HBA members and the Home Builders Charitable Foundation donated more than \$100,000 in funds, time and labor to the project. ■

HBA Members Help in Healing Kirkwood

The Kirkwood City hall tragedy happened the evening of February 7, 2008. By noon the next day, a Kirkwood city official was meeting with HBA builder member **Scott Mosby** of **Mosby Building Arts**, to form a plan to immediately begin repairs on the Kirkwood Council Chambers.

Mosby called in HBA builder members and Kirkwood businesses **Riggs Construction Co.** and **Roeser Home Remodeling** and HBA associate member **Streib Electric Co.** to help with the renovation along with other Mosby trade partners.

On Saturday, March 1, 2008, the Kirkwood Council Chamber was



The volunteer teams from Mosby Building Arts, Roeser Home Remodeling and Riggs Construction Co. worked non-stop to repair the damage in the Kirkwood Council Chambers.

officially dedicated and re-opened.

To read Scott Mosby's blog about the renovation go to www.mosbybuildingarts.com. ■

The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF) Donates More Than \$37,000 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. ■



Independence Center Receives More Than \$10,000



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) and 2008 HBA President **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** (right) presented a \$10,360 donation to **Moses Howell**, Independence Center resident, **Ryanne Tilley**, development specialist for Independence Center, **Beth Brown**, associate director for the Center, and **Mary Alice Scherrer**, residential manager for the Center, on behalf of the HBCF. The funds will be used to replace carpet and to replace bathroom flooring in two residential apartments. Finding decent, safe, affordable homes for people with mental illnesses stands at the core of Independence Center's mission.

Rainbow Village Receives More Than \$6,000



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) and 2008 HBA President **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** (right) presented a \$6,768 donation to **Jo-Ann Goldstein**, associate director of development for Rainbow Village, and **Mike Rea**, director of development and community relations for Rainbow Village, on behalf of the HBCF. The donation will be used to correct structural problems on a Rainbow Village owned home in South County that will house three men with developmental disabilities. Rainbow Village provides quality homes in the St. Louis area for people with developmental disabilities.

St. Vincent Home For Children Accepts \$10,000



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) and 2008 HBA President **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** (right) presented a \$10,000 donation to **Jo Curran**, director of development for St. Vincent Home for Children, on behalf of the HBCF. The funds will be used to offset the cost of replacing downspouts and subterranean pipes in the organization's main building. St. Vincent Home for Children is a residential treatment center for victims of abuse and neglect, ages 6 – 16, and provides quality housing and comfortable living quarters where the children can feel safe and secure.

Edgewood Accepts an \$11,000 Donation from HBCF



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) and 2008 HBA President **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** (right) presented an \$11,000 donation to **Ellen Reed Fox**, director of development for Edgewood Children's Center, on behalf of the HBCF. The donation will be used for partial funding of the purchase of two new hot water tanks for the cottages where the children in the Residential Treatment Program reside on campus. Edgewood's Residential Treatment Program is an ongoing program that cares for severely emotionally disturbed children in an open campus setting where the children live and attend school.

Builder Highlights

HBA Builder Member and HBA Executive Vice President Named to Executive Committee of Youth In Need



Herb Lesser



Pat Sullivan

HBA builder member **Herb Lesser** of MLS Homes and HBA Executive Vice President **Pat Sullivan** have been named to the Executive Committee of Youth

In Need. Lesser will serve as secretary and Sullivan will serve as treasurer. Youth In Need is a multi-services agency serving children, youth and families throughout Eastern Missouri.

HBA Associate Member Hallmark Stone Raises Money for Council for Extended Care

HBA associate member company **Hallmark Stone** recently donated 50 square feet of Silestone natural quartz countertops to the Council for Extended Care for its Pearl Anniversary Gala Auction. The donation raised more than \$3,600 to further the non-profit organization's efforts to provide support and assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Flooring Industry Council Donates to Construction Careers Center



Mike Grigaitis, president, Flooring Industry Council of Greater St. Louis (FIC) (left) and **Mike Gould**, chairman, FIC Golf Committee (second from right) presented a \$8,010 donation to **Len Toenjes**, president, Associated General Contractors of St. Louis (second from left) and **Gregory A. Wilson Sr.**, vice principal Construction Careers Center, for the Construction Careers Center charter high school. The money was raised at FIC's annual golf outing.

St. Louis Ranked Fourth Most Affordable Place to Live Well

Forbes.com recently ranked St. Louis as the fourth most affordable place to live well. The online magazine stated "What makes St. Louis a desirable housing market isn't simply the 76% of homes that are available to the median buyer, but its relatively stability. The area isn't as bogged down in risky loans and defaults as other Midwestern cities."

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