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HBA Mission Statement:

The Home Builders Association of Greater St. Louis and Eastern Missouri helps create a region that promotes and protects the viability of the building industry by serving our members, who strive to meet the housing needs of our neighbors.

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



2008 HBA President **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** (third from left) presented a \$50,000 HBA check to Regional Chamber & Growth Association President **Dick Fleming** as an investment in the RCGA economic development campaign. 2009 HBA President **Dan Barnard** of **Greater Missouri Builders** (left) and **Steve Johnson**, RCGA Senior Vice President, (right) are also pictured. The HBA is in the fourth 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.

Greater St. Louis Inc. is the regional economic development initiative of the St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association. It is a public-private partnership representing nearly 150 corporate and civic investors.

It serves a 16-county, two-state

region near the population and geographic centers of the nation. Its objective is to grow St. Louis' regional economy through business attraction, expansion of the area's existing business base, and the start-up of new entrepreneurial ventures. ■



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St. Louis "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" Home Becomes Green Verified



*The Martirez home built in Shrewsbury, Mo., for ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" has been "Green Verified" at the Silver Level in the HBA's Green Building Verification Program. HBA associate member program volunteers **Rick Kaufmann** and **Tom Schultz** of **Laclede Gas**, **Gary Steps** and **Marla Esser** of **Butterfly Energy Works** and HBA Green Building Council Chairman **Matt Belcher** of **Belcher Homes** presented the official green verification certificate to HBA co-builder members **Dave Dunlap** of **Consolidated Construction Group** and **John Shea** of **Callier Thompson Shea Construction & Design**.*

The HBA's verification program is called the GBI-St. Louis Program. The verification process for the GBI-St. Louis Program is handled through Laclede Gas, the third party verifier, and the homes are verified for compliance with the National Association of Home Builders Model Green Building Guidelines. In order to apply for verification through the GBI-St. Louis Program, the builder must be a member of the HBA Green Building Council.

Why Build Green?

1) Energy Savings.

Because of increased water and energy efficiency, you'll save thousands of dollars over the life of your home.

2) Indoor Air Quality.

Green homes feature superior indoor air quality, which improves their overall livability. Green builders reduce pollutants and improve ventilation so your family can breathe easier.

3) Peace of Mind.

Green homes are built with the environment in mind. From energy and water efficiency, to reduced construction waste and the use of renewable materials, you can take pride in the fact that your home has less negative impact on the environment. ■



The Home Builders Association Donates More Than \$25,000 to Local Shelter Organizations



The Home Builders Charitable Foundation (HBCF), the HBA's charitable arm, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing housing assistance to people or organizations with special shelter needs. ■



Life Skills Receives \$5,400 from HBCF



2008 HBA President **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** (left) and 2009 HBA President **Dan Barnard** of **Greater Missouri Builders** (right) presented a \$5,400 donation to **Wendy Sullivan**, president of **Life Skills**, on behalf of the HBCF. The funds will go towards renovations at three apartment buildings that **Life Skills** owns. The apartments are the individual home units for 48 of **Life Skills**' clients with developmental disabilities. The mission of **Life Skills** is to assist people with developmental disabilities, such as **Down Syndrome**, **autism**, **cerebral palsy** and **mental retardation**, to live and work with dignity in our community.

Magnificat Center Receives \$10,000 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 a \$10,000 donation to **Erin Weyerich**, president and founder of **Magnificat Center**, on behalf of the HBCF. The funds will go towards repairs needed at **NaNa's House**. **Magnificat Center's Nana's House** provides respite care for children who are homeless or at risk for abuse and neglect. **Magnificat Center** advocates and directly cares for little children whose physical and spiritual health are at risk because of poverty, neglect and abuse.

St. Louis Transitional Hope House Accepts \$5,000 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 a \$5,000 donation to **Bonnie Reece**, executive director of **St. Louis Transitional Hope House, Inc.**, on behalf of the HBCF. The funds will be used to help the organization upgrade its existing **CCTV security system** and the building's door alarms. The **St. Louis Transitional Hope House** is a 50-unit transitional housing program for homeless families located in the **City of St. Louis**.

HBCF Donates \$5,000 to St. Andrews Charitable Foundation



HBCF President **Harold Burkemper** of **First Construction of St. Charles** (left) and 2008 HBA President **Tom Hughes** of **T.R. Hughes** (right) presented a \$5,000 donation to **Schuyler Gott Andrews**, executive director of **St. Andrews Charitable Foundation**, and **Toni Vaughn**, office manager of **St. Andrews**, on behalf of the HBCF. The donation will support **St. Andrew's Project Independence**, a program that addresses the increasing need for quality home repair for low-income seniors in **St. Louis City and County**.

Builder Highlights

HBA Associate Member Boland-Merdinian Group Raises Funds for Old Newsboys Day

HBA associate members **Arthur** and **Christy Merdinian** of **Boland-Merdinian Group** hosted a Wine & Cheese Social and Silent Auction benefitting Old Newsboys Day. The event raised \$2,500 for the organization. The Merdinian's decided to make a difference in their community by choosing a charitable organization with which to become involved. They chose Old Newsboys Day because its mission is to ensure that children who are at risk in our community, because of abuse or poverty, receive adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care and are provided equal opportunity for social development.

HBA Members Receive BBB Torch Awards

Agape Construction, Fulford Homes, Midwest BankCentre and Pulaski Bank have received a 2008 TORCH Award from the Better Business Bureau serving Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois in recognition of excellent customer satisfaction and ethical business practices.

HBA Associate Member The Flooring Industry Council Donates to BCI Foundation



*Flooring Industry Council (FIC) President **Mike Gould** presented a \$7,935 check to **Vicki White**, executive director of the Boone Center Inc. (BCI) Foundation. Also pictured are **David Poslosdy**, BCI golf committee chair, and **Leslie Pugh**, BCI events coordinator. The money was raised at the FIC annual golf outing in June. BCI employs more than 200 adults with disabilities in an assembly and packing plant. The Flooring Industry Council is an HBA associate member.*

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