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Building Community

Local People Making A Difference

In this regular feature, *New Homes & Ideas* seeks to recognize local builders making a difference in the lives of their neighbors. If you know of a business that hosts a building project where proceeds will go to charity and whose contribution might serve as a model for others, please email Darcia Black at d_black@newhomesandideas.com.



Dr. Carl Harris surrounded by 17 of the 18 awardees of HBA of Durham, Orange & Chatham Counties scholarships for 2009.

application period each year is January – March. For more information on the Scholarship Program or the HBA, call 919-493-8899 or visit www.hbadoc.com.

Home Builders of Durham, Orange & Chatham Counties Presents 18 Scholarships

The Home Builders Association (HBA) of Durham, Orange & Chatham Counties presented 18 scholarships to graduating seniors from area high schools at a banquet attended by 150 people on April 21st. The event, held at The Friday Center in Chapel Hill, was the HBA's 12th Annual Awards Night. Over \$120,000 in scholarships have been presented during that time. Durham Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Carl Harris was the featured speaker for the evening. HBA Scholarships are awarded based on academic record, extracurricular activities, recommendations, and future course of study. Children of members of the HBA and those planning to study construction related majors are given preference, but more than 75% of this year's recipients are not children of members and about 1/3 are planning courses of study outside the construction industry. The

Professional Women in Building Council

The Professional Women in Building Council (PWB) has three main areas of concentration - the HBA Scholarship Program, Habitat for Humanity and assisting local groups involved in construction education in Durham, Orange and Chatham Counties. Recently the HBADOC PWB won the 2008 NAHB Women's Outstanding Council of the Year! For more information about the PWB Council, please contact PWB Council Chair Lori Russell at 919-881-7898 or lori@capitaleandflooring.com. Below are recent events of the PWB Council:

- On April 1st Marlene Jewell, Mershon Moore, Lori Russell, Jodi Sauerbier, Britney Wallace and Julie Williams helped homeowner Marsha Ham frame walls during the Durham Habitat for Humanity Women Build.
- The Scholarship Awards Banquet was held on April 21st at the Friday Center. This year, through fund raising efforts and awards that the PWB Council won on the National level, two scholarships were awarded.
- Mershon Moore, Education Chair of the PWB, has done an incredible job working with Durham Careers In Construction (DCIC). Mershon, along with other members of the PWB Council helped the Durham Careers in Construction by judging at Brogden Middle School on May 7th. The DCIC gave awards for the models judged that day.
- PWB members attended the HBADOC golf outing on May 11 at Croasdaile Country Club to raise funds for next year's scholarship program.



PWB Women's Build 2009.

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