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BUILDERS CONTRIBUTE MILLIONS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY-EVEN IN ROUGH TIMES

Reno, Nev. – The Builders Association of Northern Nevada recently polled its members to determine how much they give back to the community. They collected charitable donation information from 40 member companies. Those companies alone gave more than 8.3 million dollars to local charities in 2007. More than 850 member companies make up The Builders, one can only imagine how large that number would be if all 850+ companies reported their information.

In addition to members individual contributions, in 2007 The Builders Association Charity gave \$125,000 to local children (and their families) suffering from catastrophic illnesses. In January, the charity donated over \$12,000 to the Fernley Assistance Fund to help families whose homes were lost or damaged by the Fernley levee break.

Recently, West Haven Development teamed up with ABC's Extreme Makeover Home Edition, to build an entirely new house for a deserving family in Stagecoach. The family received a brand new home built 100% by volunteers that worked 24 hours a day for 8 days straight. Companies like Becker General Contractors volunteered their workforce; Creative Touch Interiors donated hard wood flooring and their time to install it; Nevada Blue donated all of the blueprints and associated materials plus the special identification badges used by the TV crews. Hundreds of other companies and individuals volunteered their time, services and supplies to make this happen.

At the Northern Nevada Building Conference in 2007, The Builders debuted the results of their Economic Impact Study. They shared that new home construction generated more than \$908 million in local income and generated more than 19,000 jobs.

Despite a slow year for the building industry, the building industry still supports local community, both through charitable donations and their contributions to local economy.

About The Builders:

The Builders Association of Northern Nevada is the "Voice of the Building Industry" in the region. Chartered in 1956, The Builders is a non-profit entity affiliated with the National Association of

Home Builders and is committed to providing education, information, representation and benefits to their membership. The Builders gives back to the community in the form of scholarships and through its charitable arm, the Builders Association Charity. As the residential construction industry, The Builders members significantly contribute to the success of the local economy. In 2006, the construction of single and multifamily homes generated more than \$908.9 million in local income and 19,050 jobs in Washoe County. Information about the Builders Association of Northern Nevada is located on their website at www.thebuilders.com.

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