

\$18,500 Awarded to Local Charities by the Mid-Florida Home Builders Foundation

MAITLAND, Florida -- The Mid-Florida Home Builders Foundation, the charitable arm of the Home Builders Association of Metro Orlando (HBA), recently awarded \$18,500 to four local charities that focus on improving the lives of youth and children in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. The four charities are **Grandma's House** at Westminster Care of Orlando, awarded \$5,000; MicheLee **Puppets**, awarded \$5,000; **New Hope for Kids**, awarded \$5,000 and **Florida's Vision Quest**, awarded \$3,500. These charities were chosen by Foundation Trustees because of their work with children and youth in Central Florida and because none receive major contributions through other sources.

Check presentations were made to representatives of each charity by 2009-2010 Foundation President, Debbie Morris, at a recently held General Membership Meeting of the Home Builders Association of Metro Orlando. In addition, the Foundation continues in 2009 to partner with the local Ronald McDonald House, and in 2009 provided in-kind and financial contributions totaling more than \$7,500.

Total charitable contributions for the Foundation in 2009 were \$27,500. Since its establishment, the Foundation has gifted more than \$1 million to the Central Florida community.

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Established in 1953, the Home Builders Association of Metro Orlando (HBA) is a professional trade organization comprised of more than 800 member businesses throughout Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. The HBA, ranked second in the state and tenth in the nation, provides legislative advocacy on behalf of its members and presents programs and services that enhance its members' ability to do business in a professional manner. Chartered in 1985, the Mid-Florida Home Builders Foundation was established as a 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization with a separate and distinct Board of Trustees, dedicated to raising funds for organizations that help children and families in need. Visit the following website to learn more about the HBA Foundation and the HBA of Metro Orlando. www.HBAOrlandoFoundation.org & www.HBAofMetroOrlando.com.

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