

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the 2006 Showcase Home Brings Joy to the Make a Wish Foundation

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our Eastern Connecticut Showcase Home and Associate Appreciation Night held on September 28th was a night to remember for Debbie Horne and the Connecticut Chapter of Make-A-Wish Foundation. That night, our members contributed almost \$2400.00 for the foundation.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony featuring (from left to right) Paul Stone, Lombardi Inside / Out, Mike Scarpa, Coastal Construction Management, Joann DeRaffaele, Admiral Properties, Matt Ostrowski, Creative Enclosures, Tony Silvestri, Silvestri Development, Tim Applegate, New London County Landscaping, and BAEC Executive Officer Renee Main

Bob Mariano challenged the group with a free Boston Acoustics Wave Radio for donations to the Make A Wish Over \$300. Tony Silvestri was first to meet the challenge with a gift of \$500. Contributing \$300 were Jim Chambers of Pequot Development, Tim Applegate of New London County Landscaping and Billy Budds of Smith Insurance.

In keeping with long-standing tradition, September is dedicated as Associate Appreciation Month, and builders came together to sponsor an Associate Appreciation Raffle. Monica Garrity of Smith Insurance won the grand prize of a round trip airfare ticket to the International Builders Show in January. Thanks to All Phase Building, Coastal Construction Management, Creative Enclosures, DeCiantis Construction, Erik's Design Build, Mystic River Building Co. LLC, Overhead Door Company of Norwich, RM Maynard Home Improvement and Silvestri Development Group for providing some really great prizes!

Silvestri Development hosted three events under the tent at the showcase home, located at 165 Whitehall Avenue in Mystic during the week of September 26. September 27 was the Realtors Reception, attended by 160 realtors; September 28 was our Ribbon Cutting attended by 107 BAEC members and their guests, and September 29 was a well attended reception for the Mystic, Middlesex, Southeastern & Pawcatuck/Westerly Chambers of Commerce.

Proceeds from all events held at the home will benefit the Make a Wish Foundation.

Located in the historic district of Old Mystic, Connecticut, this two-story 4,100 s.f. Nantucket-style showcase home will be one of five homes in the Admiral Cove Development with magnificent water views of the Mystic River and cove wildlife. This waterfront property is complete with 6' wide dock, Gunitite pool, 3-car attached garage, state-of-the-art home theater and wine cellar. This extraordinary home sits on 1 acre and comes with many upscale features.

The BAEC's "Eastern Connecticut Showcase Home" Program highlights the experience, professionalism and high standards of Association Builder and Associate Members. The program is designed to showcase eastern Connecticut's high-value home product to the public and encourage philanthropic gifts to charitable organizations, which are chosen by the builder and approved by the BAEC. Members are encouraged to showcase their products and services in this highly visible project. The project will culminate in an open house for the public on or about June 15, 2006.