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CARUSO HOMES GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Makes Major Repairs to Two Local Homes

(CROFTON, MD) – Monday, December 31, 2007 – Caruso Homes is proud to announce that the company recently participated as a house sponsor for Rebuilding Together's *Christmas in April* program. On April 28, 2007, *National Rebuilding Day*, Caruso Homes and its volunteers and subcontractors donated their time, supplies and labor to renovate two homes – one located in Suitland, Maryland, and the other in the Symphony Village community located in Centreville, Maryland. *National Rebuilding Day* is Rebuilding Together's signature annual event, where tens of thousands of volunteers across the country team up with the organization's affiliates to repair homes, revitalize communities and restore the lives of thousands of homeowners in need.

Prince George's County selected Edgar Johnson's three-story single family home located in Suitland, Maryland, as the 2007 *Christmas in April* recipient. Johnson is 63 years old and has resided at this address for 28 years. His wife recently passed away and he has 8 children, one of whom is disabled with a pacemaker. The second home, in Centreville, Maryland, is that of William Ireland, a 24-year-old gentleman who is severely handicapped as a result of having muscular dystrophy.



Volunteers help renovate Edgar Johnson's Prince George's County home on April 28, 2007. (From left to right: Donna Benson, Steve Shaffer, Shane Sullivan, John Adams and Anthony Mattera)

Mr. Johnson's home was in need of major repairs. Modifications to the home included installing three ceiling fans, three new interior lights and three new exterior lights; replacing all interior doors with new hardware; replacing the front storm door and screen door on the side of the house and installing new exterior door knobs and locks; replacing the interior

balcony railing; replacing missing siding and shutters; installing new gutters and downspouts; repainting the entire interior and exterior of the home; installing a new garage door; and mulching plant beds and planting flowers. Caruso Homes' participating subcontractors included David Benton Electric, H&H Woodworking, Renee's Painting, 84 Lumber, MK&R Site Work, C&D Gutters, Parker Doors, Delgado Framing, Dennison Landscaping, Choice Stairway and B&K Hardware.



Brian Creighton takes a moment from renovating to pose in William Ireland's Ravens decorated bathroom.

The homeowner of the Centreville, Maryland, home had started to install a handicapped-accessible bathroom for her son and only was able to finish the outer frame. The house also needed a patio door and 3-4 pieces of missing siding replaced. With a completed, fully-accessible bathroom, William's family would be able to wheel him in and give him a shower using hand-held showerheads. William's favorite team is the Baltimore Ravens, so with the help of Caruso Homes and its subcontractors, William's new bathroom was designed in Ravens décor. The subcontractors who participated in the renovation of this home included L&L Company, C&R Electric, Gregory J. Wood & Sons, 84 Lumber, Raley's Custom Painting, J.W. Shepherd Inc., Friel Lumber Company, H&H Woodworking and Lighting by Design.

Rebuilding Together is headquartered in Washington, DC. The organization's mission is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners, from the elderly and disabled to families with children, live in warmth, safety and independence. The program relies on the community for support from volunteers to repair the homes, and seeks funding from businesses, corporations and individuals. All repairs are free for the homeowners as labor and supplies are donated or purchased by the program.

Since 1985, homebuyers have counted on Caruso Homes to provide extraordinary design and uncompromising quality of construction. Maintaining the philosophy that the homebuyer deserves exactly the home they are looking for at a price that fits within their budget, Caruso Homes has become a recognized leader within the homebuilding industry. Award-winning Caruso homes are found in communities throughout Maryland and Virginia.

For more information about the *Christmas in April* program, please visit www.rebuildingtogether.org. For more information about Caruso Homes, please visit www.CarusoHomes.com or contact Colleen Kittell, Director of Marketing, at 301.261.0277.

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