

Volunteering

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Marjorie Moore



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Brass Nipples

Twenty Boone & Darr, Inc. employees and their families (pictured above) formed team "Brass Nipples", and participated in the "Making Strides Against Cancer" walk. They raised over \$3,800.

Every Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk is a powerful and inspiring opportunity to unite as a community to honor breast cancer survivors, raise awareness about steps we can take to reduce our risk of getting breast cancer, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society fight the disease with breast cancer research, information and services, and access to mammograms for women who need them.

Since Making Strides began 20 years ago, breast cancer death rates have declined more than 32 percent. Walking in the American Cancer Society Making Strides walk is as unique and special as the story that motivates the walkers. More than likely, you've been affected by breast cancer in some way, and Making Strides walk empowers to make a difference and fight back.

Making Strides events are a celebration of survivorship - an occasion to express hope and our shared goal to end a disease that threatens the lives of so many people we love.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead



Team Bora Bora

The Joint Labor-Management Fund, Greater Michigan PMC, and UA Local 190 were proud to again support our members and their families for the Make-A-Wish 300 Mile Bike-A-Thon. GF Wilbur Plumbing & Heating, represented by George Wilbur and his son Jonathon Wilbur, Dan McGovern, retired former owner of McGovern Plumbing & Heating, along with Jonathon Judd, a Wilbur family friend formed team Bora-Bora to honor Jonathan Wilbur who has been fighting cancer for over ten years. In 2002 at the age of 17, Jonathon was diagnosed with cancer and began a series of intense weekly chemotherapy treatments that lasted 2-years. This is the second year doing this ride and this years proceeds will go to a local Manchester family. This year the team dedicated the ride to good friend, Nathan Desbough. At 6 years old Nathan was diagnosed with Leukemia and a year later he is still fighting. We are happy to announce that Make-A-Wish Foundation is helping to make his dreams come true. Nathan and his family are off to Disney World!



The Greater Michigan PMC and UA Local 190 continues to be involved in the local Habitat for Humanity programs for the past 18 years.

As costs for materials continue to rise, it is becoming increasingly difficult to fund the construction of Habitat homes in Michigan and across the country. Without our assistance, it would be necessary to raise a good deal of additional money to accomplish the building of our house!

PMC/Michigan MCA Bring Dr. Katz to Learning Fair



Ever wanted to learn how to make chocolate candy or find out more about the dangers of electricity or how HVAC works? Local area children learned about those topics and more when they headed to the Jackson Community College with their friends and families.

In an effort to educate youth on the benefits of a career in the plumbing and mechanical industry,

the Greater MI PMC along with Michigan MCA, again cosponsored Dr. Jerry Katz at the recent Learning Fair held at Jackson Area Career Center.

Dr. Katz of the National Foundation of Energy Education (NFEED) works with MCA chapters around the country.

Jerry has participated in the fair for several years and was a great hit with both students and parents. Before the 2011 event was finished, we had already been contacted asking for us to sponsor the presentation again, due to the outstanding comments from the Learning Fair participants.

The 18th annual event provided children with hands-on learning. Angela Klobuchar, a Spanish teacher at Northwest High School, helped coordinate the event.

US Marine Toys for Tots

The mission of the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community.



The Greater MI PMC was a collection location for the US Marine's Toys for Tots and the Food Gatherers. This year we combined our volunteering for this organizations with the Inspectors Luncheon. Those attending were notified that if they were interested in donating, receptacles would be available during our Annual Inspectors Luncheon. Three large boxes of toys were collected.

Friends in Deed

One of the organizations that we help each year is the *Friends In Deed*. We assist with the newsletter, printing it and other brochures, and financially support their Bed Drive that is held annually around Christmas time.



The drive provides new beds for families. Friends In Deed is a program we first became involved in through Mary Jean Zill, (*pictured above*) wife of retired Board Chairman Lloyd Zill, who was a longtime volunteer for the program.

Food Gatherers

Food Gatherers exists to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community by reducing food waste through the rescue and distribution of perishable and non perishable food; coordinating with other hunger relief providers; educating the public about hunger; and developing new food resources.

This year we also combined our volunteering for this organization with the Inspectors Luncheon where 269 lbs of food were collected.



Greater MI MSCA and UA Local 190 21st HEAT'S ON



UA Local 190 and MSCA Members participated in the October 8th, 2011 Greater MI MSCA HEAT'S ON.

Eight students from Ferris State University were in attendance and rode with the service personnel from UA Local 190 and MSCA Contractors learning the intricacies of the service industry.



These homes, thanks to the efforts of UA 190 and MSCA, will be safe and warm this winter.

The program continues to install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for those who don't have them. If they do, we change their batteries and make sure they are in good working order.

The program has a number of return clients from Neighborhood Senior Services, Michigan Department of Human Services (Washtenaw and Livingston Counties) and a retired UA Local 190 Member.

This year we had no shut downs on furnaces, and had some small repairs.



It's a great relationship to build with the community.





The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program

Throughout the forty plus years of the program, the students have built quality homes in some of the best neighborhoods in Ann Arbor. ***But the most important***

asset that comes from the program is not the homes -- it's the students.

The AASBIP has historically served non-traditional student populations within the Ann Arbor school district. These trades-people of tomorrow will need to pursue studies beyond high school in order to compete in the competitive marketplace. For these young men and women, three scholarships were formed to assist the students with college as they studied construction related courses and are often a lifeline to pursuing their dreams.

The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program kicked off their brand new development, *Sumerset Neighborhood* with a *Beginning Celebration*, in 2005. Financing for the development costs are provided by UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians/Gas Distribution Pension Trust Fund.

Sumerset Neighborhood is being built by the students of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Student Building Industry. These houses are providing attractive homes in a lovely setting as well as providing an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in the residential construction industry.

This June they completed their 42nd home which has already been sold and closed!



Continuing with the great history of this program, much of the time, effort and labor required to develop this property was either volunteered, donated or performed at cost.

Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program Pancake Dinner

PMC Executive Associate Diane Calmeyn participated in Flippin' Out for Student Builders Pancake Dinner.



This second annual fundraising event was designed to improve awareness of the program and to provide scholarship opportunities for students who wish to attend college in a construction related field of study.

The Pancake Dinner was very successful with an approximate profit of \$2,700.00.

Joint Labor-Management Fund Sponsors Skills USA State Competition

Ann Arbor Student Home Building Program students won their second straight State TeamWorks championship bringing the gold medal home to Ann Arbor. An all first year student team representing four A2 high schools will go to national competition in Kansas City, Missouri from



June 23rd to 28th to compete for the national title. Retired UA member, Gary Dresselhouse was there to witness the event and also served as one of the plumbing judges for the event. As winners of last years event, it was the responsibility of our local program to host this years event. Materials funding presented quite a challenge and the PMC and UA Local 190 Joint Labor-Management Fund provided funding for all the plumbing materials .

Scholarship Program



The Scholarship Program for the children of UA Local 370 members and contractors continues to be a very successful endeavor.

It has been in existence since 1988. The number of scholarships varies from year to year, but this past year we tied our all time high when twenty-one scholar-

ships were again awarded. The program is an excellent way to support those individuals that we hope will have an interest in making the plumbing & mechanical industry a career.

Carriage Town Ministries

The Flint Association continually supports the Carriage Town Ministries. Partnering with Carriage Town is an on-going program of the Association as they reach out to the homeless of our community.

The Ministries has been serving the homeless in the area since 1950, "rescuing the least, last, lonely, and the lost". As stated by Executive Director, Dallas Gatlin, "Because of your generosity, many found a home here at Carriage Town this winter!...I cannot adequately describe in a few words what it is like to go from homelessness to hope, but I can tell you what it looks like and there is nothing like it!"



North End Soup Kitchen

The North End Soup Kitchen provides meals to the homeless and indigent.

The work done by the Kitchen is much needed in our area. Families, individuals and senior citizens turn to the Food Bank network for relief with food, many for the first time.

The Flint Association has been a financial supporter of the Kitchen for a number of years.



One of our favorite project continues to be Habitat for Humanity.

The Flint PMC membership continues to be actively involved in Habitat for Humanity. This year we are sponsoring a number of houses where the PMC pays for the materials to do the mechanical work at homes. UA 370 apprentices work on the program as part of their training.

Doug Wyrwicki, Past President of the Association is a member of the Board of Directors for the local Habitat for Humanity organization and has spearheaded the Associations involvement in the project. He continues to work on this for us, even since his recent retirement.

By working side-by-side with the family who will live in the house, our volunteers experience for themselves the joy created when a family is able to realize their dream of home ownership.