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Michigan

# HOMEAID HAPPENINGS

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## HomeAid Michigan and Pulte Homes break ground on the Rhonda Hart House

HomeAid Michigan and [Pulte Homes](#) began construction on the Rhonda Hart House for [Grace Centers of Hope](#) on Thursday, Sept. 25. Nearly 150 people attended the 2 p.m. groundbreaking ceremony. Among those in attendance was Pontiac Mayor Clarence E. Phillips.



thanks to the support from HomeAid Michigan, Pulte Homes and both organizations' building partners.

When complete, this HomeAid-designed duplex will provide dignified housing for two individual families of homeless mothers with children. The facility is being constructed in Pontiac -- one of [Michigan's Cities of Promise](#).

The Rhonda Hart House is part of Grace's comprehensive housing program. With an estimated retail value of \$225,000, this project is being constructed at a 40 percent savings

Michigan Association of Home Builders ([MAHB](#)) chief executive officer Bob Filka said, "In just over one year of operation, the HomeAid model is launching its efforts exactly how we anticipated." Filka continued, "Thanks to the support and leadership provided by Pulte Homes from our local Building Industry Association ([BIA](#)) of Southeast Michigan, what started as a vision, is now becoming a reality."

## Bank of America Senior VP, Sonya Delley, joins HomeAid Michigan Board of Directors



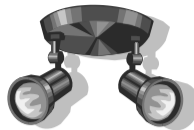
HomeAid Michigan was pleased to welcome Sonya Delley as the newest member of its Board of Directors at its annual meeting in September.

In 2005, Sonya was selected as one of Crain's Detroit's **Top 40 under 40 People in Business**, specializing in community development. For over 15 years, Sonya has been actively involved with more than 20 community organizations for the betterment of Detroit, including her current roles on behalf of [Neighborhood Service Organization](#) and Detroit's Downtown Development Authority.

[Bank of America](#) is a national supporter of HomeAid, supporting chapters and operations around the country.

## New [HomeAid Michigan](#) website launched

Come visit us at our new online "digs" courtesy of [Donovan Smith Marketing and Media](#). Keep up on current events, track project progress, and even complete applications for projects ONLINE ([www.homeaidmichigan.net](http://www.homeaidmichigan.net)).



**MASCO**  
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HomeAid Michigan introduced itself to hundreds of cutting-edge contractors and vendors at the Great Lakes Green Conference, August 21-23 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. The event was hosted by HAM partners [MAHB](#) and [Green Built Michigan](#).



HomeAid's exhibit at the conference, was sponsored by [Huntsman Corporation](#) in association with [CertainTeed](#). Huntsman and CertainTeed feature a unique line of closed-cell foam insulation products, which they are donating in full to the Grace Centers project in Pontiac.

Masco Corporation (Taylor, MI) is not only one of HomeAid Michigan's distinguished founding partners, Masco is also leading the way with in-kind contributions to HomeAid projects.

To date [Masco](#) has contributed Delta faucets and Behr paint to HomeAid Michigan's volunteer project with [Avalon Housing](#) in Ann Arbor. In addition, Masco is donating all the cabinetry for HomeAid Michigan's Grace Centers of Hope construction project in Pontiac.

Presently Masco is in discussions on how it may install its landmark new [Verve Living System](#) in one of HomeAid Michigan's next major construction projects. To learn how Verve™ is raising the **GREEN** building standard to a whole new level, visit [www.verve.living.systems.com/](http://www.verve.living.systems.com/).

## Volunteer Opportunity in Ann Arbor

Would you or your group like to participate with HomeAid on a one-day volunteer project? [Contact us](#) through our website to let us know. In November, we will be painting to assist [Avalon Housing](#) with their Broadway Street rehab project. A hands-on way to give back....

## NOVEMBER GROUNDBREAKING WEST MICHIGAN THERAPY'S NEW HOUSING NAVIGATION CENTER

