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To Our Builders Association Members:

Having the honor of serving as your chairman of the *PCBA Foundation* excites me because of the many things we are doing. We have several key annual events that follow a tradition of giving to our community. I have attached a list of the many successes we have had and I encourage you to visit our website www.pcba.com to check it out. *This year is no exception!* We just completed the 8th successful Future Builder of America (FBA) Leadership Camp held in Haines City and just wrapped up the 16th Annual Blueprint and Model Competition. This competition generates participants from local high schools and technical schools here in Polk County. Since the foundation's inception, we have given in kind contributions and scholarships totaling over **\$130,000.00**. These achievements require not only men and women donating countless hours but it also takes generous people to make this all possible.

Our Foundation, just like most businesses has had to make cut backs and changes in what we can do and accomplish. We are half way through the year and we need your financial support to continue with these great programs! Every dollar is greatly appreciated and over \$.90 of every dollar goes directly into the community and students. Few other organizations can claim this kind of efficiency!

From *one* dollar to *thousands* of dollars please take the time and send in a donation to the PCBA Foundation. With a phone call to Pat or Michelle (863-665-0844) it can be placed on your credit card or you may mail your donation to:

*PCBA Foundation
2232 Heritage Drive
Lakeland, Florida 33801*

Please send your donation as soon as possible. Our programs are depending on your support. You may call me or e-mail me with any additional questions. Maybe you would like to serve on our committee?

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of our association and our community.

Sincerely,

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The Polk County Builders Association (PCBA) has a long tradition of giving back to the community, through its charitable giving and partnering with the Polk County School system, encouraging workforce training, mentoring and higher education for the next generation. In 2004, to focus and enhance our efforts we created the Polk County Builders Association Foundation (PCBAF). Since its inception and through the generous contributions of PCBA's member companies, the PCBAF we have been able to accomplish a wide range of charitable giving. Some of the significant endeavors include:

Establishment of the Future Builders of America (FBA) program in Polk County with 13 schools chartered (primarily high schools), and over 1000 students enrolled since its inception. The program is an in-school club, sponsored by a Builder representative and a select teacher. FBA introduces students to the wide range of career opportunities that are available in the building industry, fosters relationships with private industry and encourages educational advancement and leadership skills.

For 8 years running, the PCBA has been host to the FBA Leadership camp in Haines City, an intensive 3-day hands-on and in-class training camp that serves 70-80 high school students from around the state, teaching them life and leadership skills. On average, about 10 students, per year, from Polk County, attend the camp.

For three years running, in partnership with the Polk Museum of Art, put on the "Draw your Dream Home" contest. Attendance at the last event, numbered over 300 students, parents and PCBA members.

The PCBAF has put on a yearly Blueprint and Model Competition in the high schools. This competition is in its Sixteenth (16th) year, recognizing excellence in the high school Computer drafting classes. Every year PCBAF gives away thousands of dollars in prize money to the winning students and to their teachers.

In 2006 - 2007 committed to the construction of a Noah's Ark Home in downtown Lakeland. The Noah's Ark project was built to house 3 developmentally challenged young adults, giving them an independent lifestyle. FBA student chapters participated in many

aspects of the construction of the home and the Bartow High School Chapter built and installed all of the cabinets and countertops. The project was so successful, that enough funds were available to assist in the construction of a second home.

Successfully lobbied for the passage of legislation developing Construction Academies, in the public schools. That legislation gave rise to an academy at Kathleen and Frostproof High schools.

In partnership with the Kathleen High School Construction Academy and Habitat for Humanity, the FBA chapters built a Habitat Home.

Gave financial support to Lakeland High School ESE program to build school projects and teach construction skills.

Collected materials and tools to provide for class activities at Bartow High School and Crystal Lake Middle School.

Sponsors a yearly FBA field trip, where, on average 170 students visit multiple businesses engaged in the construction industry; from block manufacturing, lumber distribution, truss building, engineering, commercial construction to residential building sites. In 2009, we had a "Green Building" day with tours of the nationally recognized green Magnify Credit Union building and the "Go Green Showcase Home". The day culminated with a tour of Florida Southern College and an introduction to the work of architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

In 2009, designed and built the Winter Haven Community Park Pavilion, replacing a then non-code compliant structure with a safe, attractive meeting place for retirees, in downtown Winter Haven.

In 2009, in partnership with the Polk County Commission and the City of Lakeland, built the "Go Green Showcase Home". This home received national recognition as the first Gold level NAHB ANSI rated Green Home and won an Aurora Award, at the 13 state competition, for the best in Green building. The home was used for multiple industry and community educational seminars and tours.

In 2010, PCBAF received the Polk Works Partnership in Excellence award for their work with the young Leaders Program and the creation of the Go Green Education series.