

Bremec Fundraiser

Benefits HRRC

Our spring fundraiser with **Bremec on the Heights Garden Center** was a great success! Bremec's donated a portion of the sale proceeds to HRRC for every purchase between April 19th and May 2nd that was accompanied by our voucher.

On both Sundays during the event, shoppers were treated to free hot dogs and greeted by enthusiastic HRRC Board members while they picked up materials for their gardens.

Thanks to **Bremec on the Heights** for partnering with HRRC. If you haven't already visited their location on Cedar Road just west of Taylor, please do so. Since purchasing the former Heights Garden Center, owner Bob Bremec and manager Arthur Richwine have done an incredible job improving the business. They offer great products and customer service, and have become big fans of HRRC and Cleveland Heights. Stop by and let them know how much we appreciate their support

Thanks as well to the many people who brought a voucher to Bremec on the Heights Garden Center and purchased plants, garden supplies, and/or gift cards during this event. The results will benefit Cleveland Heights with more attractive yards – and a stronger Home Repair Resource Center.

Plan to attend HRRC's Annual Meeting

All are invited to the 2010 Annual Meeting of Home Repair Resource Center on Wednesday, June 9th, at 7 p.m. at the CH Community Center. Our speaker will be John Lentz, Senior Pastor of Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, here in Cleveland Heights, who will speak on "Sustainability from the Ground Up: Grass Roots Efforts that Can Make a Difference."

Dr. Lentz's talk will be preceded by election of HRRC's 2010 - 2011 Board of Directors and recognition of outgoing trustees. The 2010 Annual Meeting will also mark the change in HRRC's fiscal year, which will now run from July 1st to June 30th.

Home How-To Program Kicks Off

The excitement was palpable among the women who attended the "tool-box workshop" earlier this month. Each year, a new group of eighteen participants are enrolled in HRRC's Home How-To course, which provides hands-on training in basic repairs to women heads of house. By the end of the intensive six-month curriculum, these women will have the skills and confidence to tackle many of the carpentry, electrical, and plumbing repairs that their home needs.

This first carpentry workshop provided an opportunity for class members to make a wooden tool box with a variety of power tools – circular saw, power miter saw, drill press, router, electric drill – commonly used in home repairs. While a few women had used one or two of these tools before, most were trying them for the first time. At each "station," the first woman was trained in how to use the tool and what to do with it, and then she trained the next woman in line. Not only did this approach cement the information in each woman's mind, it also helped build the camaraderie that is such an important element of the Home How-To program design.



Home How-To participants show off the toolboxes they constructed (2008 class).

Home How-To is not eligible for government funding, and thus must depend exclusively on private sources. Although HRRC raised an endowment fund specifically to help defray program costs, lower interest rates mean that support for Home How-To must now come from HRRC's operating budget. Donations to HRRC will help ensure that this invaluable program can continue to educate and empower the women of our community.

Update on Home in the Heights

The Edison Road house renovated by **Home in the Heights**, an HRRC subsidiary, has been sold. Led by Project Manager Dave Hunter, the rehab featured roof replacement, a new furnace/ac system, energy-saving insulation, enhanced landscaping, a new kitchen and two new bathrooms. Board members and volunteers helped with various aspects of the project, not only reducing project costs, but also provided evidence of this organization's dedication to improving their neighborhood.

As with the Westover house last summer, an open house was held to show the completed work. Home in the Heights is preparing to begin its next restoration shortly.

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More about what's happening at HRRC....

Yes, I want to support HRRC's Annual Fund

Name (as you want to be listed in HRRC's Annual Report):

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Amount enclosed (check payable to Home Repair Resource Center):

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