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Former NFL players and Home Builders Team Up to Help Homeless Youth

Bellevue, Wash. – The Master Builders Care Foundation, (MBCF) a philanthropic arm of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties has teamed up with the Former Football Players Association to build a new courtyard for young people living at YouthCare’s Straley House. The project is part of a program called Touchdown for Homes, a nationwide charitable outreach program of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the Former National Football Players Association. The program works to strengthen communities by building or renovating homes for families in need and for veterans.

The residents of Straley House are young people who were living on the streets or who were victims of abuse. At Straley House they learn to become independent and self-supporting. The new courtyard will be an open yet safe space to gather and relax.

Sam McCullum and Nesby Glasgow are two of the former NFL players who will help volunteer builder captain, Pacific Landscape Management with construction of the courtyard. Labor and materials will be donated by various members of the local homebuilding industry including Weisman Design Group, Tarrazo Marble and Stone, Trendset and **Economy Fence Center**. Care Foundation board president Craig Krueger explains, “This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to team up with the Touchdown for Homes program to improve the lives of young people working to overcome some very serious disadvantages.” The courtyard will be built over two Saturdays, March 31 and April 7, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Saturday. A dedication will be held at a later date.

The Master Builders’ other 501 C (3) charitable organization, the Master Builders Career Connection (MBCC) will also lend a hand by working with students from the construction program at the Puget Sound Skills Center in Seattle to build four benches for the courtyard. Career Connection board president Gary Turner says, “The Master Builders Career Connection is pleased to be a part of this project because it gives students a chance to practice their construction skills on a real project and affords them the opportunity to build something needed for other people their own age.”

The project is the first collaboration between the Former Football Players Association and the Master Builders Care Foundation.

The Master Builders Care Foundation and the Master Builders Career Connection are both 501 C (3) charitable organizations registered with Washington’s Secretary of State.

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Founded in 1909, the MBA is a trade association comprised of more than 3,000 companies involved in the residential construction industry. It is the nation’s oldest and largest local home building association affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.