



ICCF eNews

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## Welcome Back to *ICCF eNews*!



We are delighted to reintroduce *ICCF eNews*, a quarterly electronic publication to keep you up-to-date on news and events pertaining to the International Code Council Foundation.

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating the devastating effects of natural disasters and other building tragedies by promoting ideas, methods and technologies that encourage the construction of durable, sustainable buildings and homes. Our [new work plan for 2009 and beyond](#) focuses on: (1) Community Service; (2) Safety Education; and (3) Professional Development. These efforts will create community-based opportunities to better connect code officials to their constituencies. They also will increase consumer understanding of codes and mitigation, and support the building profession through expanded training, education and independent research.

We hope you find this e-newsletter both informative and useful as we continue to implement the Foundation's new work plan in the coming months. We encourage you to pass *ICCF eNews* along to colleagues who may have an interest in subscribing. You can also visit our [new website](#) to stay current on all that is happening with the Foundation.

We look forward to bringing you meaningful programs, useful tools and opportunities for joint work opportunities in the near future. Thank you for your continued support of the International Code Council Foundation.

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## New Foundation Board of Governors Appointed



Discussing ICC Foundation initiatives during the Board of Governors organizational meeting are (from left): Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) COO Eric Vaughn, ICC Board member Barbara Koffron, ICC Assistant General Counsel Mel Oncu, ICC CEO Rick Weiland, ICC COO Dominic Sims, FLASH CEO and ICCF Managing Consultant Leslie Chapman-Henderson, and Certified Public Accountant Charlie Tate.

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The Code Council Board of Directors appointed members to the new Foundation Board of Governors. Officers were elected during the ICCF Board's organizational meeting in Washington, D.C. [Click here](#) to view the roster.

The Foundation Board of Governors will meet quarterly via teleconference and in person during the ICC Annual Conference. For more information, contact ICCF Managing Consultant [Leslie Chapman-](#)

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## Code Official Volunteer CORPS Aims for 250,000 Hours of Service



Following a national survey to help prioritize and brand Foundation initiatives, research produced an ideal name for the ICCF Cares volunteer initiative: the [Code Official Volunteer CORPS](#). The new program, announced during the 2008 ICC Annual Conference in Minneapolis, challenges code officials to [amass 250,000 hours of volunteer community service](#) during the coming year to help tell the story of their ongoing efforts to save lives through building and fire safety and code compliance.

Statistics show the estimated dollar value of volunteer time was \$19.51 per hour in 2007. When participants complete the Foundation's challenge of 250,000 volunteer hours, code officials will have given nearly \$5 million in service back to their communities.

[Click here](#) to view a slideshow of ICCF volunteers in action. For more information or help with the Code Official Volunteer CORPS, contact [Sarah Murphy](#) today.

## Track Your Progress Online

Individuals or groups participating in the Code Officials Volunteer CORPS can use a new web tool to log their hours of service, upload photos of projects, share testimonials and check progress on the overall goal of achieving 250,000 hours of service. Participating volunteers will receive a variety of gifts ranging from T-shirts and hats to clipboards and pens. [Click here](#) to access the new web tool.

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## Project H.E.R.O. Initiatives Underway



One important part of the Code Official Volunteer CORPS is [Project H.E.R.O.](#), an innovative program that improves the lives of disabled veterans across the U.S. by combining the volunteer spirit and expertise of the Code Council and Foundation with the home rehabilitation expertise of [Rebuilding Together](#).

H.E.R.O. initiatives are well underway in Kansas and New York, while another project is being planned in Arizona. [Read more](#).

## Support Excellence in the Code Profession

The ICC Foundation is seeking donations from corporations, organizations and individuals who wish to support excellence in code development and building safety in general through the Code of Honor Scholarship Program. One hundred percent of the donations will be used as scholarships to help qualified ICC Governmental voting members maintain and expand their diverse participation in the code development process, enhance their professional development, and create a safer, stronger built environment worldwide. [more>>](#)

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## Habitat Project Dedicated in D.C.

More than 50 Code Council and Foundation volunteers participated in a Habitat for Humanity work project in Washington, D.C., during [Building Safety Week 2008](#) to construct a townhome complex for low income families. The Code Council joined Habitat earlier this month to dedicate the townhomes and celebrate the project's completion. Many ICC members and chapters support Habitat for Humanity projects across the U.S. and internationally. These efforts will be featured in future Code Official Volunteer CORPS project updates.





Code Council Director of External Relations Justin Wiley welcomes Annie Marby to her family's new townhome in Washington, D.C., during the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity work project.



Code Council and Foundation Board member Barbara Koffron (left) and Karen LaTorra, wife of ICC Board member John LaTorra, install door hardware during the Habitat for Humanity work project held during 2008 Building Safety Week festivities.

## Get Ready for Building Safety Week

Plans are underway for the 2009 Building Safety Week: *Where You Live, Work & Play* on May 3-9, with daily topics including Energy Efficiency, Green Building, Disaster Mitigation, Safe Water, Recreational Safety and a National Day of Service on Saturday, May 9th. Start planning today for your community celebration, volunteer project and awareness ceremonies and [order your campaign kits online](#). For more information email [Sarah Murphy](#).

## New CODiE the Code Official

A new "CODiE the Code Official" character and children's program will be available soon for use in code officials' community outreach efforts. [Contact us](#) if you would like to preview the new CODiE character.



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