



2008 Builders' Ball Kickoff Announces Contestants for the King and Queen Fundraising Contest

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Washington, DC – The Builders' Ball Organizing Committee is proud to announce that fundraising for our 2008 charities is in full swing. On Tuesday, April 8 the Builders' Ball Organizing Committee held the 2008 Kickoff event at Allsteel Showroom. Attendees mingled and were introduced to the King and Queen Contestants for 2008 with the help of 2006 King Benny Pasquariello, retired but formerly with Turner Construction, and 2006 Queen Cherie Pleasant of AGC of Metropolitan Washington DC.

King and Queen Contestants agree to raise money for the Builders' Ball 2008 charities by campaigning for "votes." The King and Queen will be selected by popular vote. Each vote is \$1.00. The money will be collected by each candidate and on the Builders' Ball website. The 2006 contest yielded over \$30,000, with 100% of the funds raised through this contest going to our charities.

Candidates for the 2008 King and Queen Contest include: Janine Bilyeu, National Reprographics, Inc.; Frank Becker, GHT; Kim Dize, KTA Group; Henry Gilford, Gilford Corporation; Beth Heider, Skanska USA; Ted Lewis, GeoConcepts Engineering; Barbara Magistro, GTM Architects; Terry Perry, Wesnewski Blair; Marian Morely, Allsteel. Since votes are only a dollar, people can vote for their favorite candidates more than once on the Builders' Ball website: www.buildersball.org

Theme for the 2008 event will be different from the "Royal Journey" 2006 Builders' Ball. It will be an exciting new experience for 2008, and will be revealed November 8th at the ball. Expect the unexpected for this design and construction industry event.

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The purpose of the Builders' Ball is to raise enough funds at our event to support the worthy projects of our 2008 selected charities: Covenant House of Washington, DC; The Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Rockville, MD; Perry School Community Service Center, Washington, DC; and CANSTRUCTION, a project of the Washington Architectural Foundation, Washington, DC.

For more information and to donate for the cause, visit www.buildersball.org



Pictured Left to Right: Michelle Monnett, Associate Vice President, Business Development Manager, DMJM Design | AECOM; Larry Gold, Artisans Program Director, Covenant House Washington; Brennan McReynolds, Director of Business Development, Skanska USA Building Inc.