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NEWS RELEASE

Local Students Invited to Become “Builder for a Day”

HAMILTON – Grade 4 students in Hamilton are once again competing for the opportunity to become a “builder for a day,” donning work boots and a hard hat to learn first-hand how a house is built.

The Hamilton-Halton Home Builders’ Association (HHHBA) is hosting the second annual “Builder for a Day” contest, where children are invited to draw and describe their “dream home.” Entry forms are being distributed this week to classrooms in the public and separate school boards.

“We know many children are fascinated by building and of course we want to encourage young people to consider a career in the construction industry,” says HHHBA president Steve Spicer. “This is a fun way for children to get an up-close look at how a house comes together.”

Mr. Spicer said the 2008 pilot project succeeded “beyond our wildest expectations,” with more than 600 children submitting entries. “The level of interest, and the creativity displayed in the entries, was amazing,” he said. “Our judges had their work cut out for them.”

Completed entry forms will be handed in through the school boards and returned to HHHBA for judging. The winner will spend a half-day on June 3 with local builder Brandon Campbell, of Starward Homes. Brandon is a fourth-generation builder and, at 26, one of the youngest HHHBA members.

Doug Duke, executive officer of HHHBA, said the association is grateful for the participation of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board in making entry forms available to Grade 4 classrooms, and for the support of sponsors Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and The Hamilton Spectator.

HHHBA is the voice of the local construction industry, which represents some 18,000 jobs and is a major force in the local economy. HHHBA members work in all areas relating to new home construction, including building, land development and trades. The HHHBA is a non-profit organization managed by staff and governed by an elected board of directors.

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