

# AGC of America

THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA

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## AGC IN THE COMMUNITY

AGC in the Community is an initiative of AGC Charities, Inc., designed to showcase the community service projects of AGC of America's chapters and member firms. The awards recognize service projects that epitomize the essence of charitable giving, through actual hands-on service and donations to charitable organizations.



## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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### **SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER AGC**

#### *Morgan's Wonderland Project*

The San Antonio Chapter of the Associated General Contractors teamed up with AGC Charities to undertake the 2016 Operation Opening Doors project. The project took place at Morgan's Wonderland, a 25-acre accessible amusement park in San Antonio for children and adults with special cognitive and physical needs. Over 30 local chapter members donated approximately \$370,000 in labor and materials to help build a handicap-accessible water park addition that included five new pump houses and a main building. The new water park will include five water play areas filled with splash attractions and one splash pad will even have heated water to accommodate those who could experience seizures due to cold water.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Ohio Contractors Association

*Communities throughout Ohio*

Volunteers within the Ohio Contractors Association identified and led the completion of seven volunteer projects throughout Ohio, utilizing construction knowledge and the manpower of many heavy/highway industry Chapter members. Many charitable organizations benefited from the Chapter's dedication, including Pegasus Farm, a therapeutic equestrian center for people with disabilities; Children's Camp Cheerful, for children with disabilities; Camp Lazarus Boy Scouts Camp; Fort Steuben Scout Reservation; St. Vincent DePaul's Women and Families Shelter; a food pantry for Cincinnati area families; and a bicycle/pedestrian advisory group, which benefited from a newly installed bike loop in Mansfield. Other work included constructing new parking and recreation areas, landscaping, paving, road construction and pipe installation. The Chapter engaged 44 member companies in these projects, which provided labor, equipment and materials, and nearly 100 volunteers coordinated and worked on-site.





## CHAPTER SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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### **LANDMARK CONSTRUCTION CAREER EXPLORATION PROJECT**

AZAGC Young Constructors Forum  
*Glendale, Ariz.*

The Arizona Chapter Associated General Contractors Young Constructors Forum (YCF) partnered with a Glendale middle school, which is primarily attended by underprivileged students, to develop and implement an Architecture, Engineering and Construction program for the school's new Career Exploration Program. Volunteers from the YCF worked with the school to identify a project for construction-centered activities and learning, and selected an unused courtyard at the school to be transformed into a garden. The YCF divided the project into one day sessions that included hands-on work, but also class time where students learned about professional disciplines or trades required for construction projects. The curriculum included information on design, cost estimating, safety, and surveying, as well as excavation and grading, irrigation, carpentry, and more. The sessions also provided details on educational requirements, work environment, pay, and construction career paths. Throughout the program, students took field trips to see large-scale projects underway.

## CHAPTER SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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### **VIETNAM ESTUDIA**

AGC Puerto Rico Chapter

*Guaynabo, Puerto Rico*

Vietnam Estudia is a tutoring and after-school center for public school students in Guaynabo, which serves around 40 children aged 5-12 who are at risk of leaving the school system. A site inspection confirmed that the school suffered serious deficiencies. The Chapter donated \$20,000 and gathered 30 volunteers to evaluate the facility, develop an action plan, find the resources and execute vital improvements to the school. The volunteers rehabilitated the recreational area, cleaning and installing new basketball facilities, remodeled the bathroom facilities, installed a new removable wood roof, as well as lighting, ceiling fans, and study stations. In addition, engineering students and young contractors participated in and learned from the project. The Chapter's work at the school will allow it to continue supporting the academic performance, health, and safety of its students, and demonstrated the importance of construction to Puerto Rico's future development.





MEMBER WINNER

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## **CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED - SENSORY GARDEN**

Herzog/Stacy & Witbeck Joint Venture

*Kansas City, Mo.*

During the construction of the new Kansas City Downtown Streetcar Project, Herzog and Stacy & Witbeck discovered that local school, Children's Center for the Visually Impaired, hoped to develop an abandoned adjacent lot. The team worked with school leaders, designers, and other stakeholders to transform the lot into a 18,000 square foot sensory garden. This garden helps children with visual impairments learn to navigate through life surfaces within the safety of the garden. It includes many different surfaces, such as brick pavers, concrete walks, manhole lids, tactile pavers, and a replica of a streetcar track crossing. The work was completed by volunteers from the streetcar project, and was supported by streetcar designers, subcontractors and suppliers. Much of the work was completed on evenings and weekends during the streetcar project, over the course of a year. The sensory garden provides a safe outdoor space for students, eliminating the need for students to travel by bus to local parks - an operational and financial burden on the non-profit school.

### **2016 SHAREFEST GOLF OUTING/WORKDAY**

#### Balfour Beatty Construction

Balfour Beatty Construction's Sharefest Annual Golf Classic raised a record-setting \$110,250 in 2016 - funds that were used to sponsor Sharefest's Workday for the seventh year in a row. This annual service day event mobilizes thousands of volunteers of all ages to work on community projects. In 2016, over 350 Balfour Beatty Construction employees, contractors, vendors, site staff, students, family, and community members completed beautification and improvement projects on ten school campuses in the Los Angeles area at no cost to the schools. Balfour Beatty employees spent more than 230 hours planning the work, which included painting a wall mural, landscaping, restriping basketball courts, adding park benches, hardscaping, and cleaning. The money raised from the Golf Classic also supports a summer program for underserved middle and high school students, and provides scholarships for students interested in pursuing higher education in the construction industry. In four years, the Golf Classic has raised \$360,000.





## MEMBER SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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### **BARTON MALOW/ LIFE REMODELED PARTNERSHIP**

Barton Malow Company

*Detroit, Mich.*

Thanks to Barton Malow's fundraising, equipment donations, and staff volunteer hours, the Denby High School neighborhood in Detroit now has a brand new \$1.4 million community park, newly-repaired homes, and renewed city blocks. The company and its Foundation partnered with Life Remodeled, a Detroit-based nonprofit organization that invests in a blighted Detroit neighborhood each year. The new park features a performance pavilion with solar panels and water catchment system, two basketball courts, volleyball court, pickleball court, putting green and two horseshoe pits. Barton Malow's in-kind donations of man-hours, equipment and materials totaled nearly \$45,000; the company also donated \$10,000 cash and hosted a fundraising breakfast to further support the project. Staff volunteers poured concrete, installed storm water management technology, and assembled equipment. The work was completed in just one week by nearly 100 Barton Malow volunteers and more than 10,000 Life Remodeled volunteers.



# GOING STRONG FOR BOSTON MARATHON SURVIVOR

Consigli Construction Co., Inc.

*Reading, Mass.*

The Boston Survivors Accessibility Alliance was established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Safety after the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. Consigli Construction partnered with a network of contractors, architects, engineers, and suppliers to support the organization and provide structural upgrades to the home of a bomb victim whose right leg was amputated. Because the victim often uses a wheelchair, Consigli volunteers installed a new front entrance, a handicap accessible door and front deck, and a concrete ramp. Next, they added 2,300 square feet of handicap accessible living space to the rear of the house, as well as a handicap accessible elevator. They also added wider hallways, sliding pocket doors, and specially-designed closets and ramps. In total, Consigli donated approximately \$300,000 in labor and materials. In 2016, 190 employees donated more than 1,650 hours of their time for company-sponsored events.





## MEMBER SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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### **REBUILDING TOGETHER**

Gilbane Building Company  
*Nationwide*

By partnering with Rebuilding Together, Gilbane refurbished homes and charitable organizations in five different communities across the country. More than 85 volunteers, including Gilbane employees and their family members, completed the work, with the support of nearly \$10,000 in donated construction materials. One of the key projects in 2016 took place in New York City at the Sarah Powell Huntington House, which supports homeless mothers leaving prison. Gilbane refurbished this space, donating nearly 800 hours of volunteer service. In homes, Gilbane has repaired flooded basements and fixed leaky ceilings, corrected mold issues where children play, and installed handrails and ramps to support the disabled. The Gilbane Cares philosophy was put in place to improve communities and fuel growth across the country.

