

# 2011 BIA PARADE TO HONOR BURKHOLDER FAMILY

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**Columbus, OH** -- The BIA of Central Ohio and its Foundation is pleased to announce the proceeds from the 2011 BIA Parade of Homes Preview Party and sale of the BIA Foundation House will be donated to Nationwide Children's Hospital in honor of the family Bruce Burkholder, the BIA's longtime General Counsel.

For the last 25 years, Bruce Burkholder's name has become synonymous with legal representation in the real estate community among developers, realtors, landlords and especially including homebuilders and the BIA. Last fall, Bruce's youngest son Mark had a life-threatening head-injury accident which meant that Bruce, his wife Toni and their four other children halted much of their lives to tend to his recovery. For six months, he spent nearly every day recovering at Nationwide Children's Hospital until just a week ago, he was able to return to school part-time and to a fairly regular 14-year old schedule.

"This is one way we can honor those who supported the Burkholder family through these past challenging months," said Jim Hilz, Executive Director of the BIA. "We are indebted to Bruce for his guidance, counsel and friendship. We are also indebted to Nationwide Children's Hospital for all they do for our community -- especially those we personally know and love."

## **The BIA Foundation House**

The proceeds from the sale of the BIA Foundation House have been donated to charity since 1983. The result has been more than \$1.6 million donated to designated charities, with Nationwide Children's Hospital as the major beneficiary.

"When I first heard about the Burkholder family's situation, I saw that this year's Foundation House could take on a deeper meaning for all of us within the building community and I wanted to do more," said Craig Tuckerman, of Tuckerman Home Group and builder of the 2011 BIA Foundation House. "The resolve of the Burkholder family paired with the incredible work done by the professionals at Nationwide Children's, has given reason for hope. It's elevated my sense of appreciation for the services given to every other family faced with similar circumstances."

The Tuckerman Home Group also built the Foundation House in the 2008 BIA Parade at Hannah Farms.

## **Parade Preview Party**

The Preview Party allows attendees to see homes prior to the official opening of the Parade with an evening pre-tour. Tickets are \$75 per person, and the event is catered by Cameron Mitchell Restaurants. The evening will also include the awards ceremony where homes and builders receive honors in various

categories. The evening begins at 6pm on June 10. Tickets to the Preview Party can be ordered online at [www.biaparade.com](http://www.biaparade.com) or by calling the BIA office at 891-0575.

## **BIA Parade of Homes**

The 2011 BIA Parade of Homes (59th year) runs June 11-26 and will be held at Olentangy Falls in Southern Delaware County. The new development is located approximately one mile from Route 23, off of Hyatts Road, in Southern Delaware County, recently named one of the fastest growing communities in the country.

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