



Homes of Distinction, Built with Integrity



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When a Little Goes a Long Way

It's not surprising that our unsettled economy has caused many of us to become somewhat inwardly focused this year. At times like this, it's easy to forget the ever-increasing challenges facing the very communities we live and work in.

As a service company built on strong personal relationships, Chris Donatelli Builders has had the opportunity to closely interact with hundreds of homeowners in our local neighborhoods and towns. These relationships have given us a unique view into the workings of our community and those local organizations who rely on our assistance and support. Whether they're churches or schools, or people with disabilities or other needs, these groups depend on the time and donations of others in the community. In this newsletter, we'd like to introduce you to some of the worthy local groups that benefit directly from each and every person that gives:

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara County uses donations to provide food to the hungry. One special program is called "Share Your Lunch." When school is in session, children from low-income families are able to get free meals through their school's nutrition program. However, these same children can go hungry during the school-free summer months. At www.ShareYourLunch.net you can donate to help ensure that children get the nutrition they need all year long.



Children with disabilities may not be able to participate in the games and activities that healthy children take part in daily. One Step Closer Riding Academy's professional staff offers a unique way to help these children get the exercise and socialization they need. By using horseback riding combined with educational games, children with handicaps are able to interact and be mobile. The movements of the horse provide physical therapy to stiff joints, encourage balance and offer stress



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Our staff members hold the following industry certifications:

- Certified Remodeler
- Certified Remodeling Carpenter
 - Certified Lead Carpenter
- Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler
 - Certified Green Building Professional



program so the children could get on the horses more easily.

relief. At www.osctr.org you can see the program in action and learn how your donation can help. The photo above shows a mounting block we built for the

At Chris Donatelli Builders, we feel education is a very important component of our business. Our long-time traditional building knowledge, combined with the latest information on new technologies and materials, enables us to provide the best and most innovative solutions to our clients' needs. So it's only natural we think the education of future professionals is of the utmost importance. Do you have some extra time to give to our local schools? Or is there a new program you can help support or fund? There's no telling how a young person you help now is going to help our community in the future. Go to www.sjUSD.org or your local school district to see where the educational needs might be in your neighborhood.

Chris Donatelli Builders has been involved in all the above-mentioned programs, donating both time and money. And though there may be times when we all may not be able to contribute as much as we would like, we think even small contributions can make a real difference. We urge you to join us and spread the word about these programs or other worthy programs you may know of. To find out more about any of these programs, contact us at (408) 287-4886 or through our [website](#). Striving for a united community and supporting those in need can have a lasting effect, regardless of any economic situations we may face!

Home Maintenance Tip: Extra Care for Your Home's Exterior

Summer is a great time to check for and repair the exterior of your home. Homeowners with a brick exterior should look for cracks that are wider than 1/16 inch and seal them with a clear silicone sealant. Those with vinyl or aluminum siding should check loose or open seams and repair them to protect against wind and rain damage. If you have wood siding, scrape and repaint peeling areas.

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