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The Kids of Big Brothers Big Sisters Receive 65 Bikes, Helmets & Locks from BOMA of Metropolitan Detroit

BOMA of Metropolitan Detroit's New BOMA Works Community Affairs Program Gives Back to the Community

Farmington Hills, Mich., March 13, 2008 – The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit (BOMA) held their inaugural BOMA Works event, a Build-a-Bike for Big Brothers Big Sisters, on February 21, 2008, at the Southfield Town Center Atrium.

BOMA of Metro Detroit's membership got the ball rolling on this new program by sponsoring 65 bikes, and nearly 60 enthusiastic volunteers showed up to build them for the kids of Big Brothers Big Sisters. With tools in hand, and boxes and boxes of unassembled bikes lined up and waiting for them at multiple workstations, 10 teams of 5-6 volunteers went to work for the kids of BBBS.

In record time, all 65 bikes were assembled and waiting for inspection. Once inspected, they were stored overnight and then transported to a local warehouse for distribution at a later date. The bikes varied in size, depending on the age-appropriate list that was given to BOMA of Metro Detroit by BBBS, and each bike came equipped with an age-appropriate helmet and a bike lock. For some of the kids, this was their first bike, and it showed by the smiles on their faces when they came to pick up their brand new bikes.

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This new **BOMA Works** community-based program from BOMA of Metropolitan Detroit is aimed at continuing to build and strengthen relationships within our communities where we work, live and play. Falling under the umbrella of the newly formed Community Affairs Committee, the BOMA Works events will focus on fostering teamwork and giving back to the community. Build Team—Build Community.

For more information on the BOMA Works program and/or the Community Affairs Committee, please contact Janet Langlois, BOMA of Metro Detroit Executive Director at 248-848-3714 or at jlanglois@bomadet.org.

*Founded in 1908, BOMA of Metropolitan Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. **BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan.** BOMA of Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit www.bomadet.org.*

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