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**‘PARADE OF HOMES’ HOUSE TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHILDREN**

*Proceeds from sale of Buckroe house will go to  
Boys & Girls Clubs, Downtown Hampton Child Development Center*

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HAMPTON, VA (May 13, 2011) – Some of the Peninsula’s most deserving children will get new funding for their programs, thanks to a new “charity house” being featured in the Peninsula Housing & Builders Association’s Fall 2011 Parade of Homes.

The house, which will be part of the Buckroe Bayfront community at Buckroe Beach in Hampton, will be constructed by Ricky Edgerton of Edgerton Contracting, Inc., and a host of local sub-contractors. Proceeds from its sale will benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula (BGCVP) and Downtown Hampton Child Development Center (DHCDC), which both serve children from at-risk populations.

Edgerton is a Hampton native who built his first home for himself in 1980, and realized his dream of building full-time in 1994. As a Boys & Girls Club alumnus, he appreciates the importance of youth development programs to the community.

“I know how important it was for me to have a safe place to go to where I could learn, grow and make new friends,” he said. “I learned lessons which have been critical in my success as an adult. I hope through this project will create that same opportunity for other youth.”

BGCVP serves over 5,400 youth ages 6-18 annually, providing educational and recreational programs, both after-school and during the summer season.

“We’re so pleased and proud to be a part of this project,” said Steve Kast, president & CEO of BGCVP. “The funding will help us continue our life-changing programs which have impacted thousands of

children. Ricky is one example of our countless alumni who are successful adults giving back to their community.”

DHCDC provides quality preschool and childcare for 200 children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, and offers the Peninsula’s only sliding-scale tuition rate, where families pay based on income and need.

“I applaud the Peninsula Housing & Builders Association for sponsoring a charity house,” said Jaynelle Oehler, executive director for DHCDC. “Building a home is very symbolic of raising a child — for a successful outcome, you must start with a strong foundation. Through this wonderful project, our whole community is coming together to build bright futures for the children.”

Construction on the home will begin in May and is expected to be completed in September. For more information on this new home, contact Edgerton Contracting at 898-9577.

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**About The Peninsula Housing & Builders Association:**

The Peninsula Housing & Builders Association was formed in 1956 to promote the housing and building industry. The PHBA is a trade organization committed to improving the quality of life within our community. The Peninsula Housing & Builders Association acts as the voice of its members on issues that affect the housing and building industry. It works to protect economic growth and strive to keep housing affordable. Through the association’s public and legislative efforts, they help educate the public and keep the industry thriving.

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula:**

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula is a non-profit agency providing year-round youth development programs to over 5,400 school-age youth in Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg and the counties of Mathews, Gloucester and York. Daily programs focus on Education & Career Development, Character & Leadership Development, Health & Life Skills, The Arts, and Sports, Fitness & Recreation. For more information on Boys & Girls Clubs, visit [www.bagclub.com](http://www.bagclub.com), or call 757-223-7204. Great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula.

**About Downtown Hampton Child Development Center:**

Downtown Hampton Child Development Center is a nonprofit preschool whose mission is to nurture young children by providing affordable, quality preschool programs that develop the “whole child” and foster school readiness. Serving children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, DHCDC’s nationally accredited preschool program (NAEYC) and degreed teachers put it in the top 7% of childcare in the country. DHCDC offers the Peninsula’s only sliding-scale tuition rate, based on family income, with a focus on children from “at risk” and underserved populations, including children with special needs. In 2010, DHCDC became the first center in Hampton to earn a four-star rating through the Virginia Star Quality Initiative. The organization has nurtured and educated children since 1971, through support from public-private partnerships, and has grown to serve nearly 200 children at two locations. As a 501(c)(3) organization, DHCDC still depends on strong support from the community. For more information, please visit [www.dhcdc.org](http://www.dhcdc.org).