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Oak Contracting Shares Christmas Spirit Through Generosity

TOWSON, MARYLAND (December 21, 2007) — For the third straight year, Oak Contracting has adopted two local families for the holiday season. As opposed to giving gifts to fellow employees, conducting a Secret Santa exchange, or even making a cash donation to a charity, the employees at Oak Contracting, or "Oakies" as referred to internally, decided three years ago to adopt a local family in need. The response was overwhelming so a second family was quickly adopted. Two local families have been adopted each year.



The Building Congress & Exchange of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc. (www.bcebaltimore.org) pre-screens needy families each fall. The Building Congress then collects money and gifts from its members to support those families. Alternately, members can also choose to adopt an entire family.

This year, Oak Contracting adopted two Harford County families that were pre-screened by the Building Congress. Both families consisted of single moms with three young children each. Once adopted, the families are contacted in early December to learn more about their "wish" list and special needs. Then, the wish list is distributed internally and the response overwhelming. Some choose to purchase gifts on the wish list while others make monetary donations. Any money collected is then used to shop for remaining items on the list.

A few days before Christmas, all the gifts are sorted and wrapped in Oak's conference room. On delivery day, a stop is made at the grocery store where a week's worth of groceries is purchased for each family in addition to all the necessities for a full course Christmas dinner.

Founded in 1971, Towson-based Oak Contracting is a regional construction management firm specialized in new construction and renovation projects for the K-12 and medical research sectors. The firm's expertise also spans higher education, non-profit, and commercial projects ranging from \$1 million to \$100 million in value. The firm recorded revenues of \$91.1 million during calendar year 2006.



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