

# Swinerton Builders Honored by AGC for Charitable Work

San Francisco's Swinerton Builders was honored March 21 for performing some of the construction industry's best charitable work in 2010 for its efforts to help build Always Dream Play Park. As a result, the construction firm was

park and memorial for the Cincinnati Fire Department, partnered with Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus to upgrade nearby homes, and improved the facilities for Camp Cheerful in Strongsville, Ohio. The Master Builders'



one of only five firms nationwide to win the AGC in the Community Award from the charitable arm of the Associated General Contractors of America, AGC Charities, Inc.

"Firms like this epitomize the essence of charitable giving and represent the best of what our industry has to offer," says Tom Brown, president of San Diego, California-based Sierra Pacific West, Inc. and the president of AGC Charities. "They remind everyone that construction firms are just as good at building hope and help as they are building factories and highways."

Swinerton Builders donated over 1,000 hours of work to help build Always Dream Play Park so children with disabilities can have an opportunity to play. The park, which is located in Central Park in Fremont, CA, features activities for kids who are hearing impaired, a slide and sandbox that are accessible by

wheelchair, as well as quiet corners for children who need a rest from the excitement and noise of a playground.

Other honorees include E.W. Howell, Co., LLC for the Child Advocacy Center in Central Islip, NY. The company provided construction management services at a reduced rate for the construction of the center, an establishment dedicated to the care of child victims of physical and sexual abuse. But the firm's contribution didn't stop there. Howell's in-house laborers and carpenters frequently worked at the site at no cost to the owner. Vendors donated materials, supplies, and equipment, and most subcontractors worked for little or no profit.

Turner Construction Company was honored for the Leadership Turner Community Service Program in Ohio. Last year, Turner teams worked to construct a

Association (MBA) was recognized for its annual Toy Drive in Pittsburgh, PA. In 2010, the group hosted its 4th annual MBA YC Holiday Party to benefit the Toys for Tots Foundation. To date, they have raised more than \$18,000 and 500 toys. The party unites 200 professionals from all sectors and levels of the industry, from jobsite laborers to CEOs of large corporations.

Rounding out the honorees is Barnhart Balfour Beatty for their Project Home Improvement in San Diego. Project teams from the firm spread out and spent an entire Saturday in April performing home improvement projects on the homes of military families in partnership with Operation Home Front. The work was valued between \$60,000-75,000. The project provided support to

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