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TYCO FIRE & BUILDING PRODUCTS OUTFITS HBA DREAM HOME WITH RAPID RESPONSE™ HOME FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM
Company’s Donation Reinforces Commitment to Saving Lives and Property


“Installing a residential sprinkler system is a key step in building a safe home – it is crucial to saving lives, reducing injuries and protecting property,” said Darren Palmieri, product manager at TFBP. “As a part of and to support the local community, we are proud to include the Rapid Response Home Fire Sprinkler System in this year’s HBA Dream Home.”

The HBA Dream Home, the second of its kind, was built to support the charitable efforts of the Foundation, which reaches out to many individuals and organizations. From 1993 to 2007, the Foundation distributed more than $1 million in funds and material donations to local area charities, including The American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The 5,600-square-foot home is located in the Heritage Creek Estates in Warwick Township, Bucks County, and is slated to be open to the public from April – June of 2008. During this time, the HBA will host open houses, events and special tours, as well as internal HBA events and meetings. The Dream Home will be offered for sale later in the year, and all proceeds will go to the Foundation.

“Sprinkler systems are the epitome of home safety and security,” said Howard Cooper, executive vice president of HBA of Bucks and Montgomery Counties. “With the goal of building the ultimate Dream Home in mind, we would be remiss if we did not include Rapid Response. We are grateful to Tyco for their generous donation and commitment to this project.”

“Donating the sprinkler system for the Dream Home gives us a platform to raise awareness about the importance of fire sprinkler systems in the home,” said Palmieri. “It’s not widely known, but the Bucks/Montgomery area is very progressive with fire protection. In fact, several municipalities, including Buckingham, New Britain Township, Warrington and Warwick, all require sprinkler systems in new homes.”

Sadly, statistics show that 80 percent of all fire-related deaths occur in the home. Home fire sprinkler systems are specifically designed to contain fire in its early stage to give time for the occupants to escape. In addition, studies show that when a sprinkler system is installed in a home, fire and water damage are

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reduced by 95 percent. A fire sprinkler system’s effectiveness can be attributed to its design; it operates automatically only in the area of fire origin, preventing the fire from growing.

“Contrary to what we see in the movies, all the sprinklers in a system do not go off at once,” said Palmieri. “A sprinkler only reacts to heat from a fire, and in 90 percent of residential fires, one sprinkler is enough to suppress a fire.”

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**About the Bucks-Montgomery Home Builders Charitable Foundation, Inc.**
Formed in 1993, the Bucks-Montgomery Home Builders Charitable Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It is the charitable arm of the Home Builders Association of Bucks/Montgomery Counties Inc., located in Horsham, Pennsylvania. The work of the Foundation is dedicated to undertaking charitable endeavors which are primarily housing/shelter related. These charitable initiatives occur mainly within Bucks and Montgomery counties. Further information on the Foundation can be found at [www.hbahomes.com](http://www.hbahomes.com). For more information on the Dream Home, please visit [www.hbadreamhome.org](http://www.hbadreamhome.org).

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