



## Upstate House A Wrap With Hardie® Products Donation

A donation of materials by **James Hardie®**, the world leader in fiber cement siding, constituted the last major feature of the 14-month construction of Upstate House in Greenville's Pettigru Historic District. A joint venture of the Home Builders Association of Greenville and **Upstate Forever** that includes foundational partners, **The City of Greenville, Johnston Design Group** and **Rome Construction**, Upstate House is the project that brought the EarthCraft House voluntary green building standard to South Carolina. More than 40 suppliers of "green" products discounted or provided donations of materials or services to help make the project a reality. Homeowners Carlton and Brenda Owen held an Open House for project partners on May 22.



**Upstate House partners (clockwise from left) Jason Meadors of ROME Construction, HBA of Greenville's Eston Rodgers, Rob Johnson of Southface, Dianne Butler of Earth-Craft House, Upstate Forever's Brad Wyche, Homeowner Carlton Owen, and ROME Construction's Keith Rodgers.**

## Charities Receive Southern Home & Garden Show Donation

**Ronald McDonald House** and **Pendleton Place Children's Shelter** each were awarded \$2083 from funds raised during the HBA Charity Auction during the 2006 Southern Home & Garden Show. Also, **J. Freeman & Associates** and **Bank of Travelers Rest** raised \$1226 for the Ronald McDonald House during the HBA Golf Tournament held May 18 at Pebble Creek.

## Strom Named Countrywide Manager

**Tim Strom** has been named the Upstate Manager for **Countrywide Home Loans**. Tim has been in the mortgage banking business in Greenville for more than 20 years.

## Tour of New Homes

*An all-around look at new homes in Greenville*

### Tour of New Homes Set For September

This September, HBA of Greenville and its Sales & Marketing Council will present the first annual Tour of New Homes, a scattered site tour covering all of Greenville County. This annual tour will be held in addition to the fixed-site Parade of Homes produced periodically, giving all HBA builder members the opportunity to participate in an annual tour. Dates for the three weekend Tour of New Homes are: Sept. 8-10, Sept. 15-17 and Sept. 22-25. A kickoff event is tentatively set for Thursday, Sept. 7, at West End Field. The event is co-sponsored by the *Greenville Journal*, and builder entry fees will include builder ads and floor plans in the Tour of New Homes Guide, a four-color magazine.

Early Bird Rates by June 30 – one house, \$700; 2-5 houses \$600 each; 6 or more houses \$500 each. Regular Rates – one house, \$850; 2-5 houses \$750 each; 6 or more houses, \$650 each. For information on participating, contact Nancy Long at the Greenville Journal, 864-679-1245

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