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Building Materials Resource Center names top donors of materials

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The Building Materials Resource Center (BMRC), a Roxbury nonprofit that makes donated building materials available to low- and moderate-income homeowners and the general public, recently released the names of its top donors of materials in 2007. They include designers, construction companies, manufacturers, and retailers throughout the Boston area and beyond.

Outstanding donors for 2007 are Boston Cedar & Millwork of Holbrook, Dalia Kitchen Design of Boston, Fitzgerald Tile of Woburn, Heritage Modular of Needham, Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, Metropolitan Bath of Reading, Metropolitan Cabinet & Countertops of Norwood, Roma Tile of Watertown, Signature Kitchens of Waltham, South Shore Habitat for Humanity of Braintree, Van Millwork of Bellingham, Wolfers Lighting of Allston, and Yale Appliance & Lighting of Dorchester.

"Concerns about the environment and sustainability are leading many companies to take a fresh look at how they can reduce waste," said Matthew St. Onge, BMRC executive director. "By donating them to the Building Materials Resource Center, they are sparing the environment and helping moderate-income people to repair and maintain their homes at the same time. It's a true win-win."

The Building Materials Resource Center accepts donations of high-quality materials such as cabinets, woodwork, plumbing fixtures, appliances, and tile that can be used in a residential setting. Guidelines on the types of materials that can be donated and an online donation offer form are available on the Building Materials Resource Center web site, www.bostonbmrc.org.

Materials that are left over or misordered, but still usable, can be donated instead of needlessly discarded. BMRC provides materials at affordable prices to homeowners and, at the same time, donors receive tax breaks for the materials they give and the environment benefits by being spared from tons of unnecessary waste each year. Donors can either drop off materials at the BMRC's warehouse/store in the Roxbury Crossing neighborhood of Boston, or, for a modest fee, arrange for a pick-up.

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