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BHC RHODES' ADOPTED 8TH HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

Saturday, October 8 employees at BHC RHODES Civil Engineering and Surveying firm, along with family members and various companies volunteered their services and labor for the company's eighth year adopting a house from the Christmas in October (CIO) program. More than 900 homes were submitted for adoption so far in 2011, but only 230 houses were selected. CIO anticipates more home owners will submit applications before year's end and would like to see more groups, teams and individuals join the organization's efforts to fill the need.

"On average, more than 4,000 volunteers fan out into the community every year, often working side by side with the homeowners to raise their standard of living and improve neighborhoods," said John Summers, Christmas in October Program Director. "Our volunteers, who are in fact champions for the Kansas City community as a whole, are the heart and soul of this organization."

Partnering with BHC RHODES this year to donate services and labor were employees from Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI), Chitwood Graphics, MVP Electric, Deffenbaugh Industries, Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Commercial Landscapers, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas. Repairs included electrical, replacement windows, re-building two porches, one included an ADA compliant wheelchair ramp, cutting trees, landscaping, painting, and yard work. According to Summers, on average, it would cost each homeowner from \$1,200 to more than \$4,500 for the work that is performed – money that those living on fixed incomes do not have. BHC RHODES provided lunch to volunteers and employees supplied tools for the day.

BHC RHODES, civil engineering and surveying firm was founded in 1992 and is based in Overland Park, KS. They have three office locations in Kansas. For more information visit their web site at <http://www.ibhc.com>.