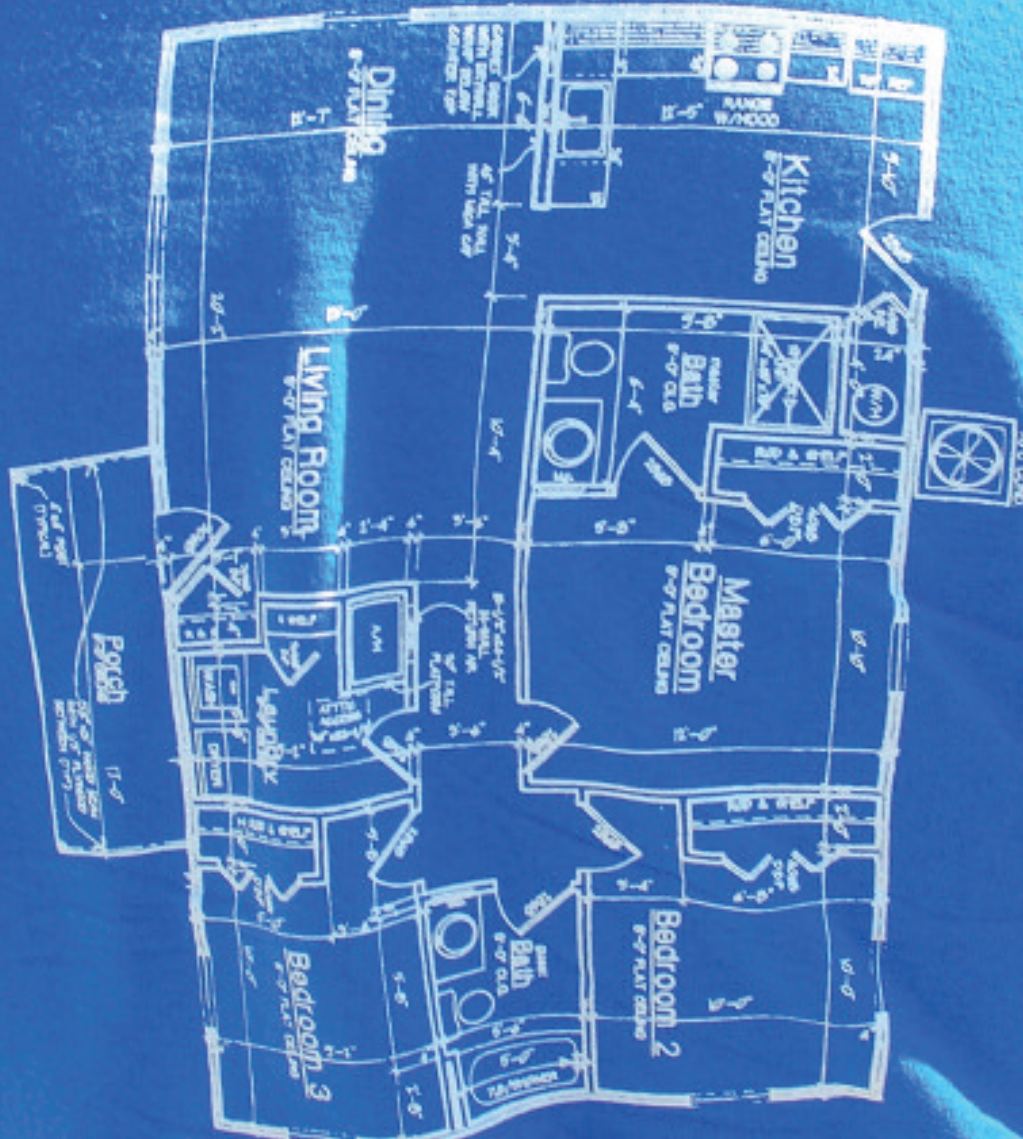


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## INSIDE:

Batson-Cook Offices Show **Commitment** to Their Neighbors

Wachovia Tower Sets the **Gold** Standard

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# STRONG ETHICS IN &

# OUT OF THE OFFICE



## Batson Cook

Special to The VEN

WEST POINT — The second annual Clays for a Cause sporting clay event raised over \$75,000 for the American Cancer Society. The shoot, a popular alternative to a golf course,

BY KIRA HETTINGER,  
DAVE MARSHALL,  
MAUREEN M. UPCHURCH

**BATSON-COOK COMPANY** has always promoted a strong work ethic on its jobsites and within the confinements of its office walls. It also encourages all employees to be leading citizens of their communities and to utilize that same work ethic to help others in need.



Each office within the organization shows a strong commitment to its neighbors. The corporate leaders have set their own example. Since late last year, the West Point office has been working with Camp Pine Mountain of the Chattahoochee Council of the Boy Scouts of America to rejuvenate their dated facilities.

The camp opened in 1923 and many of the buildings had stood in use since its inception. "The camp was no longer safe," said Batson-Cook Project Executive Paul Meadows, an Eagle Scout and childhood participant at Camp Pine Mountain. "It was in a state of disrepair."

Batson-Cook Chief Executive Officer and Distinguished Eagle Scout Edmund Glover also attended Camp Pine Mountain. "I went to the camp as a Boy Scout and was a counselor there for a few years," he began. "We have restored the camp to the condition it was in when I was a camper."

Glover began to assemble a group of local businesses to donate money to fund the makeover of this longstanding local tradition. Meadows took to the phone to ask his subcontractors in West Point, LaGrange, and Columbus, Georgia, to assist in the effort. Vendors donated materials such as light fixtures, wiring, plumbing, and other essentials.

With help from these generous businesses and benefactors, Batson-Cook was literally able to get rolling as it repaired buildings and turned the old into new in just over a five-month period. In late May the camp was ready to be re-dedicated to the Boy Scouts.

The camp's renewal and the commitment from those involved stands as an example that we should always be aware of those in need and take action to help them move forward.

Another example of supporting our communities is in the Tampa office, where Dave Marshall and other Batson-Cook volunteers have led the planning for "Building Hope." Developed by Rotary International's District 6950 Governor Russ Miller, "Building Hope" is a year-long campaign to construct twelve Habitat for Humanity homes throughout Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus counties by Mother's Day 2009. Mr. Miller enlisted Batson-Cook Company's assistance to meet all the logistical challenges of building multiple homes on schedule in several jurisdictions.



"I want to thank all my friends at Batson-Cook for the time and talent they have devoted to this very worthwhile project," said Russ Miller, Rotary International, District 6950 Governor.

The "Kick-Off" event took place on Thursday, May 29, 2008, during the Rotary District's Annual Conference. With the cooperation of the Pinellas County Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Clearwater, approximately 75 Habitat, Rotary and Batson-Cook volunteers gathered in the parking lot of Sand Key Park and erected the first new "Building Hope" home in just six hours.

Guided tours were available Friday and Saturday during the conference. On Sunday, volunteers took the house apart, loaded it on flat bed trucks, and moved it to Dade City where it will be re-erected for the Robin Knight family.

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EDMUND GLOVER, PAUL MEADOWS, AND CLIFF C. GLOVER, FORMER CEO OF BATSON-COOK COMPANY AND A LIFE SCOUT HIMSELF, WERE ON HAND TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THEIR HANDIWORK AT CAMP PINE MOUNTAIN.



MEMBERS FROM THE CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA WERE PRESENT AS THE RIBBON WAS CUT TO OPEN THE RENOVATED CAMP PINE MOUNTAIN.



ROTARY AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS CONSTRUCT THE FIRST HOUSE AT THE "BUILDING HOPE" KICK-OFF.

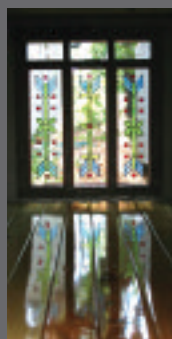
## Community Builders



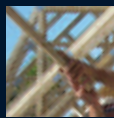
Scott Hudson Works To Raise Funds For Area Humane Society

Batson-Cook's employees are constantly finding new and creative ways to serve in their communities. Scott Hudson, Director of Preconstruction Services and Designer Extraordinaire, recently lent his expertise to an unusual project that is sure to attract attention. Scott's team, along with other teams of professionals in the A/E/C industry, worked together to build dog houses which were entered into the "prestigious" Barkitecture Competition.

Scott's team worked diligently on their entry - **PRAIRIE DOG HOUSE** - and won **FIRST PLACE** in the competition. Their trophy was presented at the Fur Ball where the Prairie Dog House brought in top funds during the dinner/auction. All proceeds from this year's event went to the Jacksonville Humane Society.



VIEW OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS FROM INSIDE "PRAIRIE DOG HOUSE."



In addition to the Rotary project, the Tampa office sponsored the Hillsborough Education Foundation's Play "Fore" Education Golf Tournament in April for the second straight year. The tournaments, both held at Tampa's Avila Golf and Country Club, **raised over \$200,000** for the Foundation's activities in support of 190,000 students and 15,000 teachers in Hillsborough County, the nation's 8th largest school district. Fifteen Batson-Cook staff members led by Tampa Vice President and Tournament Chair Frank Nelson helped organize tournament day activities. The event sold out in 2008 and is the Foundation's largest single fundraiser.

Each Spring for the past seven years, the Jacksonville office has shown its heart to the community by hosting "Shoot for a Cure". Batson-Cook is one of two lead sponsors of this yearly sporting clays shoot, which raises money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CF). This event continues to become more and more successful every year, improving fundraising efforts to **\$79,000 for 2008**.

Each year we have the same folks who are interested in attending and supporting our cause, but the shooting range is only so big," said Bill Klima, field purchasing agent and a Shoot for a Cure committee member. "This year we added a silent auction and a dinner the evening before. It really boosted the amount of money we were able to raise."

Klima stated that planning for the event began four months ahead of the fundraiser and consisted of a diverse committee from several different companies. This enabled the group to secure many in-kind donations from the lunch to the auction items. Ten Batson-Cook employees joined the Shoot for a Cure team and assisted with the dinner and auction. The group was again on-site at the shoot to help with the logistics and specifics.

"Through my participation with CF, I have learned a lot about the suffering that CF patients and their families must experience with this disease," said Klima. "To put it simply, I'm just thankful that I have the privilege through my company to help, in some very small way, those who are having a very difficult time."



Following the lead of the Jacksonville office, the two Georgia offices, Atlanta and West Point, teamed together to host the third annual Clays for a Cause sporting clays tournament. As with Shoot for a Cure, the event has grown in popularity as well as in donation level. This year's event **raised \$120,000** which was donated to two charities – the American Cancer Society (ACS) and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite.

Over 200 shooters participated in the 2008 Clays for a Cause tournament, which entitled them to breakfast and a "home-cooked" barbeque lunch as well as a great atmosphere for networking and fun. Batson-Cook enlisted over 20 employees as trappers



PARTICIPANTS OBSERVE AS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, MARYELLEN ELIA, LINES UP A SHOT AT THE HILLSBOROUGH EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.



HABITAT, BATSON-COOK, AND ROTARY VOLUNTEERS ERECT THE FIRST "BUILDING HOPE" HOME IN JUST SIX HOURS.



BOB DOUMA (SENIOR VP/GM, ATLANTA OFFICE) AND RANDY HALL (SENIOR VP/GM, WEST POINT OFFICE) PRESENT CHECKS FOR \$60,000 EACH TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA AT SCOTTISH RITE AT BATSON-COOK'S 2008 CLAYS FOR A CAUSE EVENT.



**Project Manager  
Tim Grimes**  
COMMITTEE HEAD  
FOR "CLAYS FOR A  
CAUSE" 2008.

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and over 30 additional personnel on-site to assist with the event. In addition, each office held a call-out session (or in the case of West Point, a "telethon") to personally contact some friends of the company for their support, asking for sponsorship and team commitments.

"It is important for any corporate culture to give back," said Project Manager Tim Grimes, who headed the committee organizing the event. "It motivates people to bring more to the table and give back."

The individual and corporate efforts for Clays for a Cause did not go unnoticed. The ACS presented a Special Recognition Award to Batson-Cook at their Atlanta Corporate Leadership Council Awards & Recognition Luncheon. ACS is "proud to honor a special partner who demonstrated a commitment to the fight against cancer through a unique event called "Clays for a Cause" which **raised over \$60,000**. We would like to thank Batson-Cook for the leadership, resources, and employee time that goes in to putting this event together."

Bob Douma, vice president and general manager of the Atlanta office, said in response to receiving the honor, "We don't do community service for recognition. We never expect it. The employees wanted to do it for the right reasons."



## BATSON-COOK COMPANY POISED FOR CONTINUED GROWTH

**B**atson-Cook Company has been a prominent corporate citizen in the Southeast for almost a century, and with its recent acquisition by Kajima Corporation through Kajima USA, its U.S. subsidiary, that tradition will continue. Kajima Corporation is a Tokyo, Japan-based construction, engineering, and architectural firm and one of the world's leaders in the industry.

Kajima USA and Batson-Cook officials completed the sale January 10, 2008. Under the agreement, Batson-Cook will continue to operate from its headquarters in West Point and keep its name and



current management team in place. The company now has access to Kajima

USA's financial strength in the industry granting Batson-Cook the ability to grow at a positive and controlled rate which will enable the many talented people in the organization to advance their careers.

*Raymond L. Moody, Jr.*

RAYMOND L. MOODY, JR.  
PRESIDENT AND COO  
BATSON-COOK COMPANY



JAMES FILYAW AND PERRY HOOD, THE BATSON-COOK "CHEFS", TAKE A BREAK FROM THE GRILL TO WATCH THE SHOOTERS AT CLAYS FOR A CAUSE.



LEFT TO RIGHT, BILL KLIMA, BRIAN KLUGE, CHRIS SHEPHERD, & LEE EVINS, AFTER AN EXCITING DAY OF PARTICIPATING IN "SHOOT FOR A CURE."

## Community Builders



**Batson-Cook Jacksonville makes a strike for the Ronald McDonald House**

The Batson-Cook Jacksonville office teamed up with celebrity bowlers to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Eileen Brown, Orlando Hurtado de Mendoza, Bill Klima, Harry Whitaker, and Maurice Williams of the Jacksonville Jaguars bowled to raise money for the local Ronald McDonald House. Teams from companies across Northeast Florida filled the Beaches bowling alley to show their support. For 20 years, the Jacksonville, Florida Ronald McDonald House has offered families of critically ill or injured children lodging and support services during their treatment at area medical facilities.



**PROJECT MANAGER DAVID HICKINBOTHAM MAKES ONE OF HIS MANY VISITS TO ASSIST IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE.**

# CHARLES BALL honored

**FOR SUPPORT of INFANTRY**

**Former Infantryman continues to serve the Army's largest branch.**

Major General (Retired) Jerry White, president of the National Infantry Foundation and the National Infantry Association, and Major General Walter Wojdakowski, Chief of Infantry and Commanding General of Fort Benning, have inducted into the Honorable Order of St. Maurice Charles Ball, Business Development Leader for West Point, Georgia-based Batson-Cook construction company.

Since June of 2007, Batson-Cook has been constructing the new National Infantry museum, a 190,000-square-foot, \$86-million museum at Fort Benning, Georgia. Along with the project team, Ball has made a personal commitment to ensure that all workers, subcontractors, and vendors understand the importance of this project to the Infantry Soldier. Ball was instrumental in implementing a job-site Mission Statement solidifying this commitment to the great men that this museum is being constructed to honor.

The prestigious Order of St. Maurice is awarded to those who have served the Infantry community with distinction, demonstrated a significant contribution in support of the Infantry, and represented the highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence, and dedication to duty.

Ball's interest in the museum job stems from his own military service. As part of Company B, 50th Infantry, 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 2nd Armor Division, Ball served as a platoon leader and company commander. Later, he served as a captain in the

STORY  
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Director of  
Communications,  
National  
Infantry  
Foundation

Special Forces as an A-Team Executive Officer and Team Leader during the Vietnam War.

"I am honored to be recognized by my seniors, subordinates and peers as well as the National Infantry Association as a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice," Ball said. "I will wear this award with pride and will always represent the Infantry warrior – past, present and future – so as to demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character. It has been my honor to



**CHARLES BALL (LEFT) RECEIVES ORDER OF ST. MAURICE MEDAL, LETTER AND CERTIFICATE FROM MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED) JERRY WHITE (RIGHT).**

serve our country as a member of the United States Army Infantry with distinction and I look forward to continuing to contribute to our Infantry Community of warriors and their families."

Major General (Ret.) White said Ball is a most deserving recipient of the award. "Charlie Ball is building this museum not because it's his job, but because it's his passion," White said. "He has helped create an atmosphere of reverence on the job site, a dedication among workers to the cause of honoring Infantrymen. That's something you won't find anywhere else."

Ball is a graduate with degrees in the business administration programs at Potomac State College and West Virginia University. He

attended graduate school at Northwestern University.

Before going to work at Batson-Cook four years ago, he was the National Sales Manager for the carpet division of Milliken and Company. During that time he was recognized in Dr. Tom Peters' Passion for Excellence for innovative methods of determining customers' needs. Before selling carpet to a hospital, Ball became part of the housekeeping crew for a week, where he could get a first-hand look at the facility's needs.

Ball and his wife, Barbara, have been married 40 years. They have two married daughters, Nicole Teaver and Julie Small, and four grandchildren. His father is deceased, and his mother, Ida Ball, lives in LaGrange, Georgia.

The National Infantry Foundation is conducting an \$86 million fund raising campaign to build the new National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park, a 200-acre tract linking Columbus, Georgia, and Fort Benning, the Home of the Infantry. The world-class facility will honor the 232-year legacy of valor and sacrifice of the Army's largest branch, the Infantry.

The project includes a museum, parade field, memorial walk of honor, authentic World War II Company Street and 3-D IMAX® Theatre.

For more information, visit:

[www.nationalinfantryfoundation.org](http://www.nationalinfantryfoundation.org).



*"Appearing before a most judicious and committee of tried and proven Army Infantrymen and Infantry Patriots, be it known that Charles Ball has been tested and found worthy of special recognition."*



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Florida Trust for  
Historic Preservation  
**honors**  
THE **Flagler College**  
**Project.**

BY KIRA HETTINGER

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation awarded Batson-Cook Company the Outstanding Achievement Award for Adaptive Use. This award recognizes Batson-Cook’s excellence in the proper rehabilitation of the Molly Wiley Art Building at Flagler College to a new use. To be considered, each project had to meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards. According to the Trust, this standard required that a property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment. By utilizing their expertise in preconstruction and construction, Batson-Cook built the Molly Wiley Art Building in a way that allowed them to meet this standard.



HISTORIC FRONT VIEW OF MOLLY WILEY ART BUILDING

The newly renovated Art Building is part of what was once Hotel Ponce de Leon in St. Augustine, FL. The hotel utilized what is now the Art Building, as art studios and a boiler room from 1888-1967. Batson-Cook renovated all of the existing building, gutted and remodeled the interiors, built on an addition (for office, bathrooms and maintenance space), reused all of the original wood trusses in the boiler room, and tore down the wall separating the original boiler room from the original art studios. This created an open, singularly defined space.

According to their mission statement, The Florida Trust works to promote the preservation of the architectural, historical, and archaeological heritage of Florida through advocacy, education and historic property stewardship.

**BATSON-COOK**  
**honored** WITH **Three 2008**  
**Horizon Awards**

BY KIRA HETTINGER

Batson-Cook was honored with three 2008 Horizon Awards for their excellence in construction for the Molly Wiley Art Building, Ringhaver Student Center and King Street Development Projects. The Horizon Awards are given by the Associated General Contractors of Greater Florida and recognize industry leaders. “These projects represent the best our industry has to offer and exemplifies your firm’s commitment to excellence and further demonstrates your ‘Skill, Integrity and Responsibility’ as a leader in the construction industry”, says Dawn Conger, Deputy Director of AGC of Greater Florida, Inc.

to meet these challenging construction issues while still delighting the client. “In our experience, we have found Batson-Cook to demonstrate an unflinching commitment to quality. They have the experience necessary to carry out projects smoothly and efficiently. The project managers and superintendents who have worked on

Health System, a long time client of Batson-Cook. The Medical Office Building is 60,000 square feet and includes a pedestrian bridge across King Street connecting the MOB to St. Vincent’s main hospital building. A 200-car parking deck is attached to the MOB.

The third building, the River House, is located next to the St. Johns River and houses the Sisters who are assigned to the Medical Center. Batson-Cook showed their dedication to building a relationship with our clients by working with St. Vincent’s to allow the Sisters’ former residence, a historical house to be relocated. In addition,



THREE HORIZON AWARD PLAQUES PRESENTED TO BATSON-COOK IN 2008

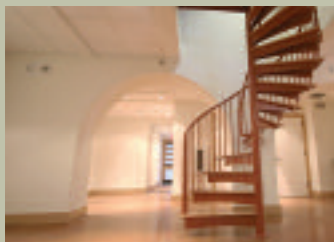
Batson-Cook completed this project with no lost time accidents. Batson-Cook received the award of distinction for this project, illustrating their superior performance in construction.

These awards, in addition to 6 other Horizon Awards awarded since 1999, show Batson-Cook’s dedication to their clients, their community, and their employees. This dedication has made Batson-Cook an industry leader throughout their 93 years of business.

The three projects demonstrated their state-of-the-art advances, sensitivity to environment, excellence in client services, contribution to the community, and unequalled safety initiatives. Both the Molly Wiley Art Building on the Flagler College campus and the Ringhaver Student Center, also on the Flagler College Campus demonstrated their unsurpassed quality in winning the 2008 Award. Each of these projects was on an active campus, with a tight site, and had to meet the restrictions of building in a historic area. Batson-Cook was able

the projects at Flagler College have been competent, dependable, and conscientious. We have found them to be exceptionally knowledgeable and well-informed about industry standards, materials, and related issues,” said Dr. William Abare, President of Flagler College, in his recommendation of Batson-Cook to the AGC of Greater Florida.

Three projects composed the King Street Development construction. A medical office building, parking structure and river house were each constructed for St. Vincent’s



MOLLY WILEY ART BUILDING, FLAGLER COLLEGE CAMPUS

RINGHAVER STUDENT CENTER, FLAGLER COLLEGE CAMPUS

KING STREET DEVELOPMENT, MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING

# industry trends

## BATSON-COOK TAKES THE LEED

INTERVIEW BY JAKE POLLARD  
POLLARD CREATIVE, INC.



For the **WACHOVIA CORPORATE TOWER** in Charlotte, N.C., Batson-Cook is implementing innovative building materials and methods to receive a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (**LEED**) Gold Certification from the U. S. Green Building Council. The LEED rating is the nationally accepted benchmark for

the design and construction of high performance “green” buildings. The council evaluates six environmental categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality.

**Batson-Cook Company and the Wachovia Corporation are making great strides in providing environmentally friendly design and construction to the communities in which they live, work, and build.**

### **To achieve LEED GOLD RATING, Batson-Cook is**

incorporating water-saving plumbing devices and a water storage system in the tower that collects rainwater from the perimeter and roofs. The water will be filtered and recycled for cooling tower make-up water. The collection tanks encompass 30,000 square feet and are over 100 feet below street level. This will substantially cut down on the amount of city water required for the building. Project Manager Curt Rigney

describes some of the other efforts the company is making to receive a LEED Gold rating, “We’re also using all low-VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) products such as paints, coatings and flooring which gets us LEED points. We are using all FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified woods. Even more innovative – we’re actually insulating all of our supply ducts, more than what’s typically done – to supply colder air. That actually increases the efficiency of our HVAC system and helps to optimize the building’s energy performance.”





**“The tower’s structure is unique. It’s a perimeter beam and column system with a cast-in-place core.**

Between the perimeter of the building and the core we’re actually infilling with precast double tees – like you see in a parking deck. I don’t believe there’s ever been a project 48 stories tall utilizing a combination of cast-in-place and precast double tees. It’s more cost effective.”

For floors four through seven, Batson-Cook constructed a specially designed area for the bank’s trading activities with 20-foot heights– unusual for an office building. The columns around the perimeter are built on 10-foot centers with deep spandrel beams. All of the seismic and wind loads are taken in these columns and deep beams. This core houses the mechanical and electrical space, toilets and elevators efficiently in a smaller area, resulting in more rentable square footage on each floor.

Because of the tower’s innovative design, Batson-Cook also had to develop a special concrete for the project. Usually the highest strength concrete available is 12,000 PSI (Pounds Per Square Inch) but to keep the column sizes down in such a tall building, Batson-Cook hired a local concrete supply company to create high-strength concrete mixes– 18,000 PSI concrete for the columns and some of the beams.

Another unique feature of the Wachovia Tower according to Rigney is the lighting. “The skin of the building is a unitized curtain wall system and within that system we’ve installed day-lighting glass. There are a series of aluminum blinds that will fit into this day-lighting pocket that’s roughly about two feet high. And it will actually track with the sunlight. It will reflect light back into the building so we can reduce the amount of artificial light we need for office spaces and work areas.”

For green spaces, Rigney says, “There’s a low-rise, 10-story section called the podium. And on top of that podium will be a “green” roof. It will have flowers, trees and shrubbery and be utilized like a park by the Wachovia employees.”

The office building and condo tower site occupies an entire city block– about three acres of real estate. Batson-Cook performed a major excavation across the main streets in Charlotte, supporting all the utilities and providing a temporary bridge for the street. A 500 foot-long tunnel had to be excavated 80 feet deep– fifty-five feet of which was granite. Batson-Cook recycled the blasted rock by hauling it to a local quarry, where it was crushed for gravel.

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L18-F1 58'-0" W	LM2	58'-100" DIA	- 10'-0" W

CRANE 1  
LUMBER 200' X 10' X 20'  
201' X HOOK REACH  
180' X INITIAL HOOK W  
TOP CLIMBER  
837' X FINAL HOOK RE



## Community Builders



### Batson-Cook Jacksonville Group Raises Money For Girls Inc.

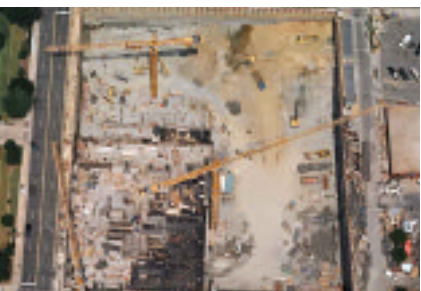
The greater Jacksonville Florida Chapter of NAWIC (National Association of Women In Construction) recently held a "Beauty and the Builder" event. The program included hors d'oeuvres, vendors from the area, a fashion show and silent auction. The event was to benefit Girls Inc., a national organization that has been helping girls at risk in their own hometowns for over 140 years. Girls Inc. programs encourage young women in difficult circumstances to prepare for successful, independent and fulfilling lives. The highlight of the event was the fashion show modeled by "The BCC Modeling Group" - Eileen Brown, Nikki Cassidy, Rhea Jones, Karen Hunter, Kira Hettinger and Bebe Bingen, who was one of the organizers of the event.

## Community Builders



### West Point Volunteers Spend Their Saturday Building a Bridge

A group of Batson-Cook volunteers teamed with another hometown contractor to build a 35-ft. foot-bridge across a stream dividing the 178-acre River Park in West Point, Georgia. The bridge, connecting the north and south ends of the park's trail, will be used by many hikers and mountain bikers visiting the park. Batson-Cook employees Billy Turner, Jonathan Howell, James Coleman, and Nicholas Bartlett spent an entire Saturday constructing the bridge, using materials donated by the Batson-Cook Hardware Store in West Point. "The amazing part is that it was completed in just one Saturday," said Robert Young, former city councilman and avid River Park supporter. "We certainly appreciate the guys from Batson-Cook. All gave up the entire day to complete the task."



# recently awarded projects

## Community Builders



### West Point Employees Honor Veterans

On Sunday, May 18th, several Batson-Cook employees gathered at Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery to honor our country's fallen soldiers. Mike Craig, West Point office Superintendent, and VFW Post 5180 organized a special day of remembrance that included the placing of over 2,000 "Buddy" Poppies at the headstones of Veterans' gravesites. After lunch and a brief gathering, participants went to work placing the small, delicate flowers on the graves of soldiers from all branches of our military. Upon completion of the "Buddy" Poppy placement, Mike Craig thanked all who participated and the crowd circled around the American flag, arm in arm, and listened to Taps while reflecting on the day. Special thanks to Mike Craig for his service to our country and to our Veterans, and for inviting his Batson-Cook friends and family to take part in the special day.



300 GALLERIA 1ST AND 2ND FLOOR LOBBY ATLANTA, GA \$139,820

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER CHARLOTTE, NC \$15,998,832

BRYANT HALL REN. AT FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND ST. AUGUSTINE, FL \$4,600,000

COBB COUNTY FIRE STATION #5 MARIETTA, GA \$2,339,532

COLUMBUS LIBRARY ADDITION COLUMBUS, GA \$2,645,865

DIAGNOSTIC CARDIOLOGY CATH LAB BUILDOUT JACKSONVILLE, FL \$178,845

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOLS, CONTINUING CONTRACTS JACKSONVILLE, FL \$1,000,000

EASTMAN KODAK EXPANSION COLUMBUS, GA \$1,820,000

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RENOVATION (PHASE I, II) COLUMBUS, GA \$5,500,000

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL TAMPA, FL \$4,030,304

GLENMOOR DINING ADDITION & RENOVATION ST. AUGUSTINE, FL \$1,999,559

HAMPTON INN & SUITES LANETT, AL \$8,100,000

LANIER HOSPITAL CARDIO RENOVATION VALLEY, AL \$1,165,209

LANIER HOSPITAL ICU RENOVATION VALLEY, AL \$1,595,000

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL TAMPA, FL \$2,303,698

MILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAMPA, FL \$2,090,809

MINT MUSEUM SHELL CHARLOTTE, NC \$26,329,654

NORTHSIDE CAFETERIA PHASE I CUMMING, GA \$135,262

A FAST-TRACKED PROJECT, THIS 70,000 SQUARE-FOOT / 550-STUDENT SCHOOL, WAS AWARDED ON DECEMBER 17, 2007 AND WILL BE TURNED OVER ON AUGUST 1, 2008. →



SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ KIMBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Community Builders



### BC Employees Volunteer Time and Talents

On a very hot Saturday morning in June, Jerry Clement, Randall Hamer and James Filyaw provided tool safety and construction techniques training to the youth group at First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, Georgia. The group is preparing to participate in the "River of Life" experience, where they will join other youth groups in the Coweta District in painting, the construction of handicap ramps, and other miscellaneous repairs for people in need.



Jerry Clement is especially grateful to his two co-workers for their involvement with the project "James and Randall are due special consideration since they have no affiliation with my church, but volunteered their Saturday morning to this selfless effort. It was HOT!"

The team's efforts will multiply the abilities of these young people to help others in need.

NORTHSIDE WOMEN'S IMAGING  
CUMMING, GA **\$872,713**

PALM AVENUE GARAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS/BAPTIST HEALTH  
JACKSONVILLE, FL **\$822,000**

PIZZA FUSION  
ATLANTA, GA **\$237,253**

PRIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TAMPA, FL **\$2,088,971**

RIGHT MANAGEMENT-600 GALLERIA  
ATLANTA, GA **\$318,710**

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "L" AND  
MIDDLE SCHOOL "SS"  
RIVERVIEW, FL **\$30,719,947**

STREAM GAS & ELECTRIC  
ATLANTA, GA **\$126,710**

TARGET CANTON  
CANTON, GA **\$9,000,000**

TARGET NORFOLK  
NORFOLK, VA **\$5,500,000**

SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ KIMBELL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TAMPA, FL **\$12,000,000**

VICARS LANDING PONTE VEDRA  
ROOM RENOVATION  
JACKSONVILLE, FL **\$500,100**

WACHOVIA SALES CENTER  
CHARLOTTE, NC **\$847,118**



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3-D RENDERING OF FUTURE COBB COUNTY FIRE STATION.



ELEMENTARY "L" AND MIDDLE SCHOOL "SS"

KINDERGARTEN BUILDING (LEFT) AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (RIGHT)



ELEMENTARY "L" SCHOOL

TOTALING 210,000 SQ.FT., THESE NINE BUILDINGS WILL HOUSE 2,478 STUDENTS AND 240 STAFF MEMBERS.

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# tradeshow calendar

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## june

Georgia Society for Healthcare Engineers (GSHE)  
June 3-6  
Savannah Marriott  
Savannah, GA

National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC)  
June 18-21  
Westin Charlotte Hotel and Charlotte Convention Center  
Charlotte, NC

## july

Florida Educational Facilities Planning Association (FEFPA)  
July 8-11  
Boca Raton Resort & Club  
Boca Raton, FL

**Clays for a Cause** originated in the Spring of 2006 when a small group decided to get together to raise money for the American Cancer Society. In the past 3 years, the event has raised over \$250,000 for charity.

## august

Georgia Branch, Associated General Contractors Contacts for Contracts  
August 19  
Renaissance Waverly Hotel  
Atlanta, GA

AIA Florida  
August 1  
The Breakers  
Palm Beach, FL

**Franz Mantini USF Scholarship Concerts** Since 1999 the Tampa office has participated as title sponsor for this scholarship event.

## october

Florida Hospital Association (FHA)  
October 16-17  
The Peabody Hotel  
Orlando, FL

Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA)  
October 27-29  
The Rosen Centre  
Orlando, FL



**Shoot! For a Cure:** The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of North FL began this fundraiser in 2002. Batson-Cook helped spearhead the fundraiser back then, and has participated as a main sponsor for the past 7 years.

Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) Annual Summer Meeting  
July 16-19  
Hilton Head Marriott Beach & Golf Resort  
Hilton Head, SC



Since its founding in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, Habitat for Humanity International has built and rehabilitated more than 250,000 houses with families in need, becoming a true world leader in addressing the issues of poverty housing.  
*from www.habitat.org*

**Play Fore Education:** In the last two years as sponsor, Batson-Cook has raised over \$200,000 for the Hillsborough County School System.

Florida Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (FAHSA)  
July 27-July 31  
Boca Raton Resort and Club  
Boca Raton, FL

## september

Pasco Economic Dev. Council's (PEDC) Annual Industry Trade Show  
September 2  
Saddlebrook Resort  
Wesley Chapel, FL

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