



# Tennessee Manufactured Housing Foundation

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*The Industry's helping hand.*

**Without the support of our industry and friends, this important work could not continue.**

A special thanks goes out to the following individuals and companies who are currently working behind the scenes on the client cases noted:

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**Thanks especially goes out to our service and supplier partners for their generous donations of supplies and materials throughout the year.**

**Blevins, Inc  
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**If you would like to make a donation for 2009, and receive an IRS charitable contribution deduction, please contact us at your earliest convenience.**

**TMHF Support Staff:**

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**DURING YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING, AS WELL AS YOUR YEAR END TAX DEDUCTIBLE CHARITABLE DONATIONS, PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR INDUSTRY'S SERVICE ORGANIZATION.**

After eighteen months of thorough research, the Tennessee Manufactured Housing Association's Board of Directors voted to form The Tennessee Manufactured Housing Foundation (TMHF), a non-profit 501(c) (3) charitable organization. This organization, the first of its kind in the nation at the time, has been in existence since August 1995. The impact of the Foundation not only provides assistance to manufactured homeowners, but gives the manufactured housing industry a very positive image in local communities.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*"To assist in the repair and improvement to existing manufactured homes from Tennesseans disadvantaged due to income or circumstances; and to provide replacement manufactured homes to Tennesseans disadvantaged due to income or circumstances."*

**WHY IS THE FOUNDATION NEEDED?**

According to the 1990 Census, there were over 200,000 manufactured homes in Tennessee. With so many Tennesseans living in manufactured homes, we saw the need to assist those homeowners who may be disadvantaged due to income or circumstances.

There are many state agencies and non-profits that assist homeowners with down payment assistance, repairs and renovations, weatherization and even new homes at low or 0% interest on the mortgage. Unfortunately, manufactured homeowners have not always been eligible for assistance under these programs. Therefore, the Tennessee Manufactured Housing Association saw the need to form a charitable foundation and assist people living in manufactured homes in our state.

**STRUCTURE**

The Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, governed by their own board of directors. The fourteen member board consists of the following:

- Six members from the TMHA Board which shall include: the TMHA President, Vice-President, Treasurer and three other TMHA board members;
- Six representatives of the manufactured housing industry, not currently on TMHA's board;
- Two non-industry representatives, to be selected from any of the following: higher education, church, elected officials, community leaders or other non-profit organizations.

As the sole member, the **Tennessee Manufactured Housing Association's Board of Directors** appoints the Foundation Board. In turn, the Foundation Board elects its officers.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Foundation Board of Directors have the responsibility of establishing the criteria for qualifications of assistance. Assistance will be given on a case by case basis, as determined by the board.

Once the criteria has been met, and a case approved for assistance, the actual work can be done by staff, board members, and volunteers or even through other non-profits.

**STAFFING**

At the current time, the existing TMHA staff handles the day-to-day activities of the Foundation.

**FUNDING**

The initial funding came from TMHA. However, most of the money comes from contributions within the industry, either in the form of money, supplies, homes, etc. Charitable gaming events and golf tournaments also provide funds. It is our hope, that we can obtain state, federal and other foundation grants, in the future.

In addition to the current projects, as you may remember from various press releases over the last several months, TMHF and an army of volunteers completed three new home replacements in the middle Tennessee and West Tennessee areas.

We wish a happy holiday season to the Hosale, Polson, and Burns/Mitchell families as they continue to enjoy their new homes.

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