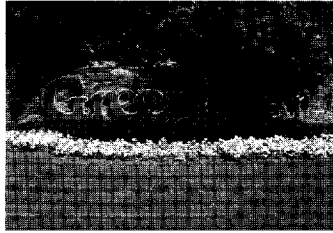


# Greenbriar Community Association

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In January 2003, I accepted a position with Condominium Venture, Inc. (CVI) as the Operations Manager of the Greenbriar Community Association located in Greenbelt, MD. Greenbriar Community Association is made up of 1192 homes. There are three separate phases of the community consisting of 729 homes. Each phase has a Board of Directors. In addition, there are 463 rental units included in this community located in the Glen Oaks apartments section of the property.



One of the first things I noticed upon my arrival in January at Greenbriar was the overwhelming sense of community this property possesses. During the record breaking snow season we had it was truly inspiring to see neighbors helping neighbors throughout this community. Many of the board members and building representatives led the charge in getting sections of the parking lot organized so that the snow removal crews could clear out the parking spaces. This type of attitude transcends to our staff as well. We are a community in every sense of word.

After about a week in my new office I started to ask questions about the what, whys and hows of some of the office practices. One of the questions I had was "Why we were collecting the pop tabs from soda cans at our front desk?" Residents would come in and deposit bags of these tabs. I found out that they were being donated to charities. I learned that the tabs are melted down and the proceeds go to a charity. What a great idea! This spring we discovered that the Ronald McDonald House is one of the organizations in our area that collects the pop tabs. In April of this year we had the pleasure of touring the Ronald McDonald House located in Baltimore, Md. We delivered the box full of pop tabs and began collecting a new batch. We challenged the children in our community at the Easter Egg Hunt to collect as many as they could by the Halloween party. It was inspiring to see the children get involved! At the Halloween party the children turned in 3000 pop tabs.

**This is a community of action!** During the past year we have had great success in our other charity drives. Greenbriar organized a food drive last November. In addition to the food donations made by residents and staff, Greenbriar Community Association donated the \$280 collected from 50/50 raffles held throughout the year. The \$280 was spent on cases of peanut butter, tuna fish, and canned chicken. These high protein foods, along with the food collected from the community, was then loaded into the back of the Greenbriar truck. We had approximately 20 large boxes of food. On November 25, 2002 the food was delivered to United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. (UCAP) which is a local charity located in Capital Heights, MD. Our staff members were given the opportunity to tour the facility. We also purchased a turkey and ham, together with all the trimmings, and delivered them to a needy family in Greenbriar. We planned a food drive for this past November and collected even more food.

Greenbriar has also organized coat and clothing drives. A total of 57

coats were donated last season. This past April, Greenbriar collected 2,093 articles of clothing. All the coats and clothing were delivered to the Mission of Love located in Capital Heights, Md. We have just kicked off our coat and clothing drive for this season and judging by the response so far, we are sure to exceed last year's totals.

In addition to our traditional coat and food drives being held this fall we organized a blood drive for the Red Cross that was held this August. We also hosted a bone marrow drive earlier this summer. The Association's charitable acts will continue into the month of December with a Toy Drive for the Lion's Club.

I am truly honored to be a part of this wonderful community. The staff members, community volunteers, and residents have all donated their time and efforts to make each and every one of our charity drives a success. It is their tireless work and commitment that make this one of the great communities to live and work in. The Greenbriar Community Association has by its actions defined the word "Community".

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