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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### ***Local ABC Members Build Food Pantry in Hancock County, MS***

**East Norriton, PA** – Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors Inc. (ABC SEPA) announced today that 19 member companies are participating in the construction of a Food Pantry in Hancock County, Miss. This project follows the completion of an award-winning Child Development Center for Hancock County after Hurricane Katrina devastated the area in 2005.

The Hancock County Food Pantry has been an active part of the Hancock community for over 20 years. Destroyed by Katrina, the Food Pantry has been in temporary housing for the past three years and has been in need of a larger facility to help support the vast amount of people who benefit from its services. Located near the Mississippi Child Development Center, the new, larger site for the Food Pantry will support an estimated 17,000 people in 2008.

“We are delighted that so many members are continuing to contribute and be involved with the reconstruction efforts in Mississippi,” said Geoffrey Zeh, president and CEO of ABC SEPA. “The Hancock County Food Pantry is a wonderful non-profit organization providing the citizens of the County with desperately needed food and personal hygiene products. The Bucks-Mont Katrina Relief Effort is leading the project and has been an amazing organization dedicated to helping Katrina victims that are located more than one thousand miles away.”

ABC SEPA members have already pledged more than \$60,000 of the approximately \$300,000 necessary to complete the Food Pantry. Current ABC SEPA members participating in the project include Adams Bickel Associates, Inc.; Benner & White Construction, Inc.; Building Systems, Inc.; Cavan Construction Co., Inc.; Construction

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Hardware, Inc.; Guy M. Cooper, Inc.; Corrado & Sons, Inc.; CRI Services; E. Allen Reeves, Inc.; Good Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc.; G.A. Peak Excavating, Inc.; Nester Brothers, Inc.; Penn Valley Constructors, Inc.; R&S General Contractors, Inc.; The Tri-M Group, LLC; Tri-Steel Fabricators, Inc.; Universal Electric Service, Inc.; Volvo Rents Construction Equipment and Worth & Company, Inc.

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ABC is a national association representing more than 50,000 Merit construction employees across the state and more than 13,000 across the Greater Philadelphia region. The Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter represents almost 500 member companies in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

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