



**Local Builder Prem Puri**

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**GAITHERSBURG BUILDER, PREM PURI, OF CLASSIC HOMES OF MARYLAND, RECEIVES “BUILDER OF THE YEAR” AWARD FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONFERENCE**

*Prem Puri Built New Home in 7 Days in Poolesville for Single Mom Struggling to Keep 10 Nieces and Nephews out of Foster Care System*

**DATE:** Friday, May 8, 2009  
**TIME:** 12:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center  
5701 Marinelli Road (off Rockville Pike)

The Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County will be honoring local builder, Prem Puri, with the “Builder of the Year” award when it convenes its 18<sup>th</sup> annual conference on Friday, May 8, 2009.

Mr. Puri, the founder of Classic Homes, a family-owned Gaithersburg company, donated and built a new home in Poolesville for Felicia Jackson, a single mother struggling to keep her family together following the death of her sister. When Ms. Jackson took in her sister’s ten children, her family consisted of 15 people.

“This is a man with a heart of gold,” said Barbara Goldberg-Goldman, co-chair of the Affordable Housing Conference. “Without his assistance, the Jackson family would not be intact today,” she added. “It is an honor to present him with the 2009 Builder of the Year Award.”

Mr. Puri worked with the producers of the ABC series “Extreme Makeover Home Edition,” when the Jackson family became virtually homeless in 2008. Mr. Puri donated materials worth \$600,000 toward the construction of the new 4600 sq. ft. home for the Jacksons. Mr. Puri and the Jacksons were featured on the September 28, 2008 edition of Extreme Makeover.

The award ceremony will take place during the 12:30 luncheon at the Friday, May 8, Affordable Housing Conference.

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