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SBCA Foundation Announces Hardship Grant Program

IRVING, TX – July 16, 2024 – The SBCA Foundation is excited to announce the release of the SBCA Foundation Hardship Fund. This fund is available to SBCA and NFC Member employees, and their families, who are facing unexpected crises or emergencies. The fund will cover expenses like housing, utilities, medical bills, or other urgent needs during times of hardship, such as job loss, illness, natural disasters, or unexpected expenses. Any full-time employee or immediate family member of an SBCA or NFC Member company is eligible to apply, and if approved, will be given on a one-time basis with a maximum of \$5,000.

This fund aligns with the mission of the SBCA Foundation: *Giving back to our community through philanthropic avenues to improve housing-related opportunities for the disadvantaged.* In 2024, the Foundation budgeted \$50,000 annually to this fund and is accepting <u>applications and/or nominations</u> now.

"Our industry's success is dependent on both its people and the materials we use to fabricate our products," says Don Groom, SBCA Foundation Trustee. "Investing in the wellbeing of both is essential if our industry is to remain sustainable far into the future."

"The industry has given us so much, and the SBCA Foundation & Endowment is now a way to effectively give back," says Joe Hikel, SBCA Foundation Trustee. "We are building an impactful legacy we can pass on to future generations that will help our industry continue to thrive."

To learn more or to apply for the SBCA Foundation Hardship Grant, to nominate someone for it, or to donate today, visit https://sbca.foundation/.

About SBCA Foundation & Endowment

The SBCA Foundation & Endowment is a 501(c)(3) organization that is wholly owned by SBCA, with the SBCA Board of Directors committing to covering all administrative costs, ensuring all donated funds will go directly to the Endowment for disbursement through the Foundation. The SBCA Foundation & Endowment enables SBCA Chapters, companies, and individuals to give back to the structural building components industry. The goal of the Foundation is to create a sufficiently large endowment that will allow for the Foundation to annually contribute funds from the income made from investments, allowing the principal to continue to grow through ongoing donations. The SBCA Foundation supports scholarship programs and curriculum development, training and apprenticeship programs, housing-related charities, and industry sustainability.

For more information about the SBCA Foundation & Endowment, its programs, trustees, to donate, or to submit an idea/request, visit: https://sbca.foundation/.

About SBCA

The Structural Building Components Association (SBCA) is a trade association representing manufacturers of structural building components. Its membership also includes truss plate suppliers, original equipment manufacturers and resellers, computer software companies, lumber suppliers, builders, and professional individuals in various fields, including engineering, marketing, and management. SBCA provides services its membership needs to continue expanding the market share of all structural building components by promoting the common interests of those engaged in manufacturing trusses, wall panels, and related structural components; to ensure growth, continuity, and increased professionalism, which will strengthen the structural building component manufacturing industry's influence.

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