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Baldwin Homes is showing more than just a designer home. The county-based builder is showing off some of Anne Arundel's under appreciated talent.

Providence Center, a nonprofit organization that serves adults with developmental disabilities, announced that its products will be featured and sold at Baldwin Homes' Maryland Green Designer Show Home in Gambrills.

Mike Baldwin, president and chief executive officer of Baldwin Homes, which specializes in green and energy efficient homes, is a member of one of Providence Center's founding families. The designer show home is located on Holladay Park Road. Pottery from Providence Center's studio in Arnold and wood products from its woodshop in Millersville will be among the items available.

"We are thrilled to have our products showcased in Maryland's first green designer show home with its environmentally friendly focus," said Tom Wright,

Providence Center director of production, who welcomed the new partnership particularly because of the family connection to the nonprofit and Baldwin Homes' recent award as Green Business of the Year by the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce.

"Not only are our products top quality, they are also green products themselves," he said. "Their production and sale help our participants gain greater independence by providing them a paycheck for the work they produce. This new partnership is an important piece for Providence Center to meet our mission and provide the best care and support to those we serve while also advancing the shared mission of Providence Center and Baldwin Homes to improve our communities by working to product our environment and our precious Chesapeake Bay."

Providence Center operates five facilities, which provide care and training in programs such as horticulture, woodshop and pottery throughout the county. It meets the growing needs of nearly 500 individuals through an array of services and supports, including medical supervision and care, psychological assistance, skills training for activities of daily living, vocational training and job placement as well as retirement services.

"Providence Center is like a member of our family," Baldwin said. "I am pleased to offer their products to our visitors. Providence Center is an important organization that needs the support of our entire community so that it can continue to provide the vital services it does every day. I am also proud to feature their green products that demonstrate that Providence Center is doing its part to improving our environment.

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"Those of us that live, work and play in and around the Chesapeake Bay know how important it is to protect our communities so that future generations can also enjoy it for generations to come. I hope people will visit the home, learn more about green building and support the charitable organizations that have products available, including the beautiful wood and pottery from Providence Center."

The mission of Providence Center is to provide services that allow individuals with disabilities to enjoy increased self-determination in leading a more independent, valuable and functioning role in society. These support services are individually designed and professionally managed to enable these individuals to exercise higher levels of control over their lives.

"The Baldwin family has been a critical Providence Center partner for more than 50 years," said Chuck Coble, executive director of Providence Center, who thanked Baldwin and urged the community to continue to support its artists, potters, growers and woodworkers. "I am glad to further strengthen our relationship with this new partnership with Baldwin Homes. We could not do the work we do without the partnerships we have throughout Anne Arundel County and the region. By supporting our work, our community is making a truly positive impact on the extraordinary men and women we serve that are carving out their futures each day."

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