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**Building Hope Through “Kitchens That Care”**

**Sanford, Maine** – For every **PATCO** home featuring a **Lavalley** kitchen built in 2010, \$200 will be donated to **The Maine Breast Cancer Coalition's Support Service Fund**. This fund provides underserved residents of Maine with financial assistance for breast health or breast cancer related services. Services include wigs, prostheses, compression garments, prescriptions, physician's bills, and transportation to therapy appointments. Since the fund was established in 2000, more than 1,300 Maine residents have been helped. Securing the funding needed to meet all of the requests for assistance is an ongoing process. The Coalition relies on support from Maine citizens and Maine companies. Donations stay local, helping to improve the quality of life for those fighting cancer right here in Maine communities. They are our friends, our neighbors, our coworkers and our family members.

In 2008, this direct, local support was what prompted PATCO Construction of Sanford to select The Maine Breast Cancer Coalition as the recipient of over \$13,000 in funds generated by The Pink Key Project. This year, Lavalley Lumber has joined forces with PATCO in launching “**Kitchens That Care**”. According to MBCC spokeswoman, Christine Haiss, “The Support Service Fund has become bigger than we ever imagined. So far this year we've received 234 applications and will likely pay out more than \$100,000 for 2009. We are very excited – and appreciative – of this new campaign!”

PATCO, a 26-year-old Maine company, offers a variety of home designs that incorporate “Woman-Centric” features. Extra storage spaces, a convenient “Drop Zone” (that replaces the messy mud room), and floor plans that better fit today's lifestyles, are standard.

Joy Martel, Lavalley's Certified Kitchen and Bath Designer, works in partnership with customers to design the perfect kitchen. “We spend time identifying how their kitchen needs to “live”, says Joy. “Some kitchens revolve more around the family, while others are more of a hub for entertaining,” she adds. The goal is to put together the best space possible. Product selection includes a wide range of cabinets and countertops in a breathtaking array of colors and textures.

“What more symbolic place to focus our 2010 fundraiser to benefit the Maine Breast Cancer Coalition, than in the “heart” of the house?” said PATCO Co-owner, Mark Patterson. “The family kitchen is a special place, and this is a very special cause,” added Lavalley President and CEO, Donald Collins. “Bringing Maine companies together on behalf of great organizations like The Support Service Fund is critical. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of women in Maine who are battling breast cancer.”

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