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FOUR CAPE COD HOMEBUILDING  
COMPANIES GIVE OF THEMSELVES  
IN THE NAME OF COMMUNITY.

# BUILDINGS

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The Charter Cup, founded by E.J. Jastrow, and its generous supporters, successfully raised more than \$50,000 last year for eight local charities.

**T**he expression "it takes a village" is common enough. What's less common is the lengths to which the following four businesses go to strengthen their communities. Both inside and outside their offices, they are making a contribution to Cape Cod. Though their interests vary in terms of the agencies they choose to support, they share the same philanthropic spirit—and innumerable people benefit from their altruism.





## FISHING FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

If there is one thing E. J. Jaxtimer excels at, it's raising large amounts of money, which he then hands over to myriad charities. In fact, it is hard to keep track of all the pots he has a hand in. Among his beneficiaries are Barnstable Youth Hockey, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod and the Islands, the Genesis Foundation for Children and his latest venture, The Charter Cup, which is a fishing tournament that includes eight participating companies who sponsor eight separate nonprofit agencies.

Jaxtimer, a lifelong Cape Cod resident and owner of 40-year-old E. J. Jaxtimer Builder, Inc., initiated the annual fishing tournament to raise money for Cape Abilities, Special Olympics, May Institute, LIFE, Independence House, Habitat Cape Cod, Cape Cod Child Development and Well Strong. And that was just the first year.

"The community has been very good to us," says Jaxtimer. "My wife and I have always believed in the philosophy of giving back, so we support a large number of local fundraisers, and we run four of our own."



Participants in The Charter Cup fishing tournament are all smiles at last year's event.

Jaxtimer's Charter Cup is organized such that each boat/business has to raise a minimum of \$2,500 to qualify. During the inaugural event last year, a single boat raised \$11,000. Combined, the eight companies raised over \$50,000.

"I wanted something that was really simple," Jaxtimer explains. "I wanted it to happen in the middle of the week. And I wanted 100 percent of the money to go to charity. So, there's no captains' dinner, no T-shirts, no hats or awards—nothing like that. We just go out and fish and have fun." (And raise a whole lot of money.)

The second annual event promises to be even bigger with the addition of two to four more boats and four more charities. "The only prerequisite for choosing them is that they must be Cape Cod based," notes Jaxtimer. "I want all of the money to stay on Cape Cod."

Asked why all the different causes, Jaxtimer responds: "As far as I am concerned, we've just touched the tip of the iceberg here." After a pause, he adds, "Stay tuned, I'll be starting another one soon."