
BUCHANAN STREET
P A R T N E R S

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Holly Naylor / Jessica Neuman
IDEA HALL
(714) 436-0855 ext. 34 / 31
holly@ideahall.com / jessica@ideahall.com

Buchanan Street Partners Sells Out 8th Annual Real Estate Summit

Newport Beach, CA – March 5, 2009 – Buchanan Street Partners, a national real estate investment management firm, hosted its eighth annual Real Estate Summit on February 26 and made a charitable donation to Junior Achievement’s *Finance Park*. Over 750 of the region’s top commercial real estate executives attended the sold out event at The Balboa Bay Club and Resort in Newport Beach, CA, which featured renowned speakers Stuart Varney and Michael Josephson.

This year’s theme, *Rock Solid: Foundation for the Future*, challenged attendees to think about the value of building a foundation that is based on knowledge, sound leadership, strong character and solid business principles. The event speakers, Stuart Varney, an economist and business/financial journalist for FOX News, and Michael Josephson, one of the nation’s foremost ethics consultants, demonstrated how these qualities will create a timeless, steadfast foundation and create opportunities for the future.

“There is much uncertainty in today’s market as our economy, capital markets, future and spirits are being tested. While the past might help navigate the present, we must reengineer our companies and our individual skills to be better prepared for the future,” said Brunswick in his opening remarks. “We must have a foundation of knowledge to navigate today’s turbulent economy and a foundation of leadership based on character and integrity.”

The Real Estate Summit brings together hundreds of professionals in the real estate community to learn and challenge one another to be better practitioners in the real estate profession and enhance overall business strategies. The event reflects the firm’s philosophy

-MORE-

that the collective success of commercial real estate is determined by the growth and achievement of each individual.

This year's sponsors included DLA Piper, US Bank, Cushman & Wakefield, Greystar, KPMG, The TCW Group, Inc., Kaye Scholer, LLP and Yardi Systems, Inc.

At the event, the firm made a charitable donation to Junior Achievement's *Finance Park* in the amount of \$22,500 through its 501(c)(3), Buchanan Children's Charities. Their donation also provided a match by the organization which will enable 3,363 children to attend *Finance Park* from 21 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District this year. *Finance Park* is a month-long economics education program that introduces personal financial planning and career exploration to middle grade and high school students. At the culmination of the in-class program, students visit *Finance Park* to apply what they learned about budgeting and economics. *Finance Park* is a "miniature city" with custom designed storefronts and offers the students a firsthand experience of making financial decisions that are within the means of their uniquely assigned life situations.

"Buchanan Children's Charities is proud to support *Finance Park* and its initiatives to educate children and prepare them for success," said Brunswick. "Teaching children how to be fiscally responsible will undoubtedly change their lives and their communities as our next generation of leaders."

About Buchanan Street Partners

Buchanan Street Partners is a real estate investment management firm that provides equity and debt to experienced real estate operators throughout the United States. The firm invests through its discretionary funds on behalf of many recognized institutional and private investors. Buchanan Street Partners is a subsidiary of The TCW Group, Inc. and operates from offices in Newport Beach (HQ), Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. For more information, visit www.buchananstreet.com.