

Garage project up for bids in annual fundraiser

For the 17th year, the Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan's Garage Build program will provide a new two-car garage to be built at a silent auction winner's location, while supporting local building trades education programs in the process.

The 24-foot-by-24-foot garage will be up for silent bids March 10 & 11 as part of the association's annual Home Show at the North Central Michigan College Student and Community Resource Center. Local building trades students, with supervision from their instructors and association volunteers, will later frame, roof, enclose, secure and wire the garage for the auction winner, with the Home Builders Association providing materials.

Building trades education programs in the Boyne City, Charlevoix, Pellston and Petoskey school districts participate in the project, and those programs will share in proceeds from the Garage Build fundraiser. Potential uses for the funds include educational materials, shop



equipment, carpentry tools and post-graduation scholarships for students.

To be considered, bids must be for a minimum of \$8,000. The Home Builders Association has the right to accept or reject all bids. Each bid must be accompanied by

a deposit consisting of 10 percent of the bid amount, with checks payable to HBANM. The winning bidder will be responsible for obtaining all applicable permits for the construction project, as well as providing a graded building site with a foundation

and finished floor meeting garage blueprint specifications. The build site must be located in Emmet County or Charlevoix County.

In 2016, the Garage Build program generated more than \$10,000 in proceeds to be shared among the four affili-

ated building trades education programs. For more details about the Garage Build program, call the Home Builders Association office at (231) 348-9770.

This is a great way to add value to your home!