

# BLOCK KIDS FACT SHEET

Block-Kids is a NEF building program that is a national building program competition sponsored on the local level by NAWIC chapters and other organizations. The award winning program introduces children to the construction industry in an effort to create an awareness of and to promote an interest in future careers in one of the many facets of the industry. The program is open to all elementary school students (grades 1- 6). The competition involves the construction of various structures with interlocking blocks and three of the following additional items: a small rock, string, foil, and poster board. Local winners advance to a regional competition, and one semi-finalist from each region is entered in the national program competition. National prizes are awarded to the top three projects.

In 2010, over 130 children attended and built many different projects. Our grand prize winner, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader built a pump using rebar to help protect the Haitians from waves in case of another earthquake. Other projects ranged from houses, to bridges, power plants, windmills and others!

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## 2010-2011 NAWIC YEAR

In 2011, Block Kids will be held on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites in Independence.

Many volunteers are needed.

Watch the Hard Hat for details.

