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## **National Remodeling Foundation and Center for Kitchen and Bath Education and Research to Align**

### ***CKBER Transfers Assets to NRF After NKBA Pulls Support***

April 18, 2006—The Board of Trustees for the Center for Kitchen and Bath Research (CKBER) announced today that they are building an alliance that will create a unified foundation under the National Remodeling Foundation (NRF) banner. CKBER assets and mission will be combined with those of the NRF. The effort comes as a result of the decision by the National Kitchen and Bath Association to discontinue support of the CKBER, which they founded.

The NRF is the 501-c3 foundation of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). The alignment of educational goals of the two groups will serve to attract the best and the brightest to the remodeling industry and to educate a new generation of industry leaders.

“We’re excited that the NRF is going to carry on the mission that was the foundation of CKBER,” says Steven Kleber, former president of the board of CKBER. “It is our intention to transfer the energy, talent, and assets of the key individuals and companies who so generously contributed to the CKBER over the past year to further our work through the NRF.”

The mission of the NRF is to establish and maintain a commitment to programs that expand and unite the remodeling industry, to ensure the industry’s growth and security, and to encourage ethical conduct and professionalism in the remodeling industry.

“With over 40 percent of the remodeling market focused on the kitchen and bath, the alliance of the two foundations makes perfect sense,” adds Kleber.

Former CKBER trustees joining the NRF Board of Trustees are Olivia Monjo, Editor-in Chief, Women’s Day Special Interest Publications, Hachette Filipacchi Media U.S.; Frances Gailey, Ph.D., Professor Emerita, SUNY College at Oneonta; and Steven Kleber president of the Kleber Foundation and founder and president of Kleber & Associates Marketing and Communication.

“It is with pleasure and anticipation of great things to come that we welcome the former CKBER board and contributors to the NARI and NRF families,” comments Joan Stephens, president of NRF. “We expect that the common vision of the two groups will synergize for the betterment of education and cultivation of our entire industry.”

For more information on the NRF please visit the website at [www.nationalremodelingfoundation.org](http://www.nationalremodelingfoundation.org)