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### **Habitat for Humanity Bay-Waveland Area house is awarded 2010 Affordable Green House of the Year By National Association of Home Builders**

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**SALT LAKE CITY, UT (May 4, 2011)** Habitat for Humanity Bay-Waveland Area was recognized today for building the 2010 Green Affordable Home of the Year, by the National Association of Home Builders.

The award was presented at a ceremony Monday night during the 2011 National Green Building Conference and Expo in Salt Lake City, Utah. The ceremony recognized builders from around the nation for their excellence in green building and advocacy during the previous year.

“These awards recognize and celebrate the most forward-thinking builders and remodelers in green building,” said Bob Jones, immediate past chairman of NAHB and a builder from Bloomfield Hills, Mich. “These award winners are pushing the envelope of what we can achieve with energy and resource efficiency.”

Mark Scott, Director of Construction for Bay-Waveland Habitat received the award on behalf of the organization. “While it’s a privilege to help rebuild a community that was devastated by hurricane Katrina,” Mr. Scott remarked to attendees, “it’s especially fulfilling to rebuild this community with homes that are attractive, energy-efficient, durable, environmentally responsible and affordable.”

In 2009 Bay-Waveland Habitat made a commitment to build all its new houses to the green certification standards of the National Association of Home Builders Research Center and the U.S. Green Building Council. To date, HFHBW has 57 houses that are either certified or in the process of being certified.

Most of Bay-Waveland Habitat’s new homes have received gold-level certifications.

The award-winning Habitat house was built in 2009 in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The first of Bay-Waveland Habitat’s green certified houses, it received an Emerald rating – the highest level granted by the National Association of Home Builders’ Research Center. It is currently the only house in Mississippi to have received this level of certification.

The house also placed second in Mississippi Home Corporation’s *Growing a Greener Mississippi Competition* in 2010.

The home achieved its high certification through environmentally responsible practices such as advanced framing and waste management planning, and the use of materials such as Bluwood, Galvalume roofing, open-cell spray foam insulation, fly ash concrete, lowE paints and adhesives and Energy Star appliances.

**About Habitat for Humanity Bay-Waveland Area:**

Habitat's work in Hancock County, Mississippi began after Hurricane Katrina damaged and/or destroyed 70% of the housing stock in the Gulf Coast community in 2005. Since then, Habitat has partnered with more than 7,000 volunteers, donors, partners and friends to build 185 homes for families in need. In recognition of its outstanding progress, Bay-Waveland Habitat was named Affiliate of the Year in both 2009 and 2010 by Habitat for Humanity International. While much work has been done, much work remains.

**About Habitat for Humanity:**

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 350,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.75 million people.

**About NAHB:** The National Association of Home Builders is a Washington-based trade association representing more than 160,000 members involved in home building, remodeling, multifamily construction, property management, subcontracting, design, housing finance, building product manufacturing and other aspects of residential and light commercial construction. NAHB is affiliated with 800 state and local home builders associations around the country. NAHB's builder members will construct about 80 percent of the new housing units projected for this year throughout the United States.

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