

GHBA Charity Receives Outstanding Service Award

July 1, 2009 – The Greater Houston Builders Association’s Benefit Homes Project has been selected as the recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Community Service Organization Award presented by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). This award recognizes the community service organization that demonstrates an outstanding commitment through community involvement and/or financial or in-kind support through philanthropic efforts. Texas Children’s Hospital, one of the beneficiaries of the 29 year old GHBA charity, nominated the Benefit Homes Project for this prestigious award.

The Greater Houston Builders Association – Benefit Homes Project will be recognized at the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, November 11.

National Philanthropy Day is an annual awards luncheon held to honor and recognize those who contribute their time, talents, financial support and other resources to Houston's philanthropic organizations. The AFP Greater Houston Chapter's Annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon gives the AFP an opportunity to say "Thank You" and collectively express appreciation by recognizing individuals, corporations, foundations, and fundraisers for their time, talent and dedication to the spirit of giving.

The luncheon will be hosted by The AFP’s Greater Houston Chapter in partnership with Houston Business Journal & Sterling Associates

“This is an honor for the GHBA, The Benefit Homes Project, all our past and present Builder / Developer Teams and the thousands of GHBA Associate Members who have participated in the Project over the past 29 years,” said Don Klein, chairman of the Benefit Homes Project.

Every year, two homes are built for the Project with donated materials, labor and services by GHBA members. The homes are sold at market value and the majority of the proceeds benefit local charities. This year the beneficiaries are Texas Children's Cancer Center, the Alzheimer's Association and HomeAid Houston. The annual Benefit Homes Project has raised more than \$5 million for charity over the course of three decades.

This year the Project's builder/developer teams are Chesmar Homes/Land Tejas Companies and Trendmaker Homes/The Woodlands Development Co. Chesmar recently sold their Benefit Home in the master planned community of Discovery at Spring Trails, Land Tejas donated the homesite. Trendmaker is building their home in May Valley in The Woodlands' Village of Sterling Ridge, The Woodlands donated their homesite. The Trendmaker home is available and is priced in the \$400's.

For more information on the AFP visit: www.afphouston.org. For more information on the Benefit Homes Project visit www.ghba.org. or call the GHBA at 281-970-8970.