

# GHBA Remodelers Council Shines at National Level

## Houston Remodelers Win Three CADRE Awards at NAHB's Remodeling Show

The GHBA Remodelers Council was awarded three CADRE Awards at the NAHB Remodelers annual gala at the 2008 Remodeling Show in Baltimore, Md. on September 11. Winning entries included: "Community Service," "Remodeler of the Year," and "Outstanding Council Coordinator."

Known in the industry as the CADRE, the "Council Award for Demonstrating Remodeling Excellence" is the highest honor bestowed by the NAHB Remodelers. Winners were honored in seven categories for outstanding contributions and performance at the local council level. Judged by members of the NAHB Remodelers' board of trustees, CADREs are presented each year to local remodelers councils and individuals whose work at the local council level exemplifies the best practices of the remodeling industry.

Carroll Bogard, trade market manager at Pella Corporation, and NAHB Remodelers Chairman Lonny Rutherford, CGR, CAPS, CGP, of Legacy Construction in Farmington, New Mexico, presented the awards.

### GHBA's Own Carrie Saxon Wins Outstanding Council Coordinator

Carrie Saxon, director of councils and divisions for the Greater Houston Home Builders Association, was honored with the 2008 CADRE Award for "Outstanding Council Coordinator."

Carrie is a favorite among the council members she supports. Bogard praised Saxon for "her enthusiastic and extensive work to support Houston remodelers with education and networking opportunities."

Rutherford added, "The NAHB Remodelers local councils nationwide support and amplify the professional remodeling excellence embraced by our members. The CADRE awards celebrate their achievements and set the bar high for local excellence."

### Houston RMC Wins CADRE for Community Service

Both the Remodelers of Greater Baton Rouge and the Greater Houston Builders Association Remodelers were honored for Community Service achievements at the 2008 CADREs.

NAHB Remodelers of Greater Baton Rouge won the CADRE for remodeling the home of a man disabled while performing a good Samaritan deed.

Due to the extreme competitiveness of the top two award applicants, NAHB Remodelers granted a runner-up CADRE to the GHBA Remodelers Council for their home remodel for a foster mother and her five disabled children.



*The GHBA Remodelers Council was honored with the "Community Service" award for its 2008 Cora Casey remodeling project. Pictured (left to right): Carroll Bogard, Pella Corporation; Carrie Saxon, GHBA director of councils and divisions and "Outstanding Council Coordinator" winner; "Remodeler of the Year" and RMC president, Jeff Hunt, Heritage Construction; Lonny Rutherford, Legacy Construction; Rob Hellyer, Premier Remodeling; and RMC Past President Bill Shaw, W.M. Shaw Remodeling.*

The 10-day makeover, dubbed the "Cora Casey Crusade," set out to update, improve and create a more functional home that would allow Cora to care for her children in a more comfortable environment. Her 20 year old home lacked crucial facilities such as a handicap shower. Caring for the children in the home as it existed was becoming more difficult as they grew older. Four of the five children are confined to wheelchairs. She had been bathing the children in a small phone-booth style shower that did not accommodate wheelchairs and she had also modified an oversized restaurant-style stainless kitchen sink into a bathing platform.

The Remodelers Council/HomeAid team constructed two new bathrooms with 7' by 7' wheelchair accessible showers, so Cora can now bathe the children without having to lift them. These showers also contain several shower heads and wall hung commodes.

Cora's need for hot water on a daily basis goes beyond what a traditional family requires. With the children's disabilities, Cora washes five to six loads of linens and clothes every day. To meet



The 2008 Remodeler of the Year honoree was Jeff Hunt, CGR, GMB, CAPS, CGP, Heritage Construction (center). Jeff is also the 2008 GHBA Remodelers Council president. Awards were presented by Patrick O'Toole, Qualified Remodeler magazine (left) and Lonny Rutherford, CGR, CAPS, CGP, Legacy Construction (right).

this need, two new tankless hot water heaters and a new clothes dryer were donated and installed.

Other improvements included a stand-by generator, capable of operating the entire house, a spruced up backyard, updated plumbing, electrical wiring and air conditioning, carpentry enhancements, along with donated furniture for a study and for the bedrooms. The project was completed with approximately \$100,000 in donations.

### Jeff Hunt Honored as Remodeler of the Year

The NAHB Remodelers recently named Houston's own Jeff Hunt, CGR, GMB, CAPS, CGP, of Heritage Construction, the 2008 Remodeler of the Year. The award recognizes Hunt's industry leadership and professional remodeling accomplishments.

"I'm honored to celebrate the achievements of a rising leader within NAHB Remodelers, for his dedication to education, charitable works and excellence in remodeling," said NAHB Remodelers Chairman Lonny Rutherford, CGR, CAPS, CGP, a remodeler from Farmington, New Mexico.

Since becoming a member in 2003, Hunt has served in various leadership positions at the local and national levels of NAHB Remodelers. After working for many years in construction, then technology and business consultation, Hunt formed Heritage Construction five years ago. He quickly earned several designations to advance his remodeling skills, including the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR), Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS), and most recently the Certified Green Professional (CGP).

Besides earning accolades from his customers, Hunt has also been honored by the Greater Houston Builders Association for excellence in remodeling. He has been honored by GHBA as Remodeler of the Year for two years in a row. And he also earned NAHB's CGR of the Year recognition and national Remodeler of the Month featured in *Qualified Remodeler* magazine.

He serves as a local and national leader for NAHB Remodelers. Hunt is also active in charitable works, including remodels for needy beneficiaries and partnering with Habitat for Humanity.



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