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HARDWICK G.C. RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AURORA AWARD ***The Grammy's Of the Home Building Industry***

WINTER PARK, FL: Hardwick G.C. was awarded an Aurora Award during the Annual Industry Gala at the 2010 Southeast Building Conference/Green Building Show in Orlando. Hardwick G.C. won for two Entries, Dolce Vita Verde and Casa del las Flores, in Winter Park.

Home building professionals in a 12-state southeast region plus the Caribbean received nationally recognized AURORA Awards for new home construction, remodeling, commercial/mixed use and design excellence. The awards honor builders, designers, architects and other industry professionals from Texas to Virginia.

“The AURORA Awards are the Grammy’s of the home building profession,” said Patti Guthrie of Marc-Michaels Interior Design, Winter Park, FL and 2010 AURORA Award Chair. “The AURORA symbolizes tremendous achievement, honor and distinction among building industry professionals.”

Casa de las Flores - The design- build concept of this home began with respectful debate of ideas, forms and sustainability goals. The Clients wanted an elegant architectural consistent with Winter Park, Florida, and an efficient, low-maintenance, and age accessible home that would also accommodate his passion for the outdoors and gardening.

The final product is a celebration of exquisite Mediterranean Architecture and Sustainable living. The layout is open and inviting with clearly defined rooms. The concept of aging-in-place was embraced and applied to every room including a quiet and easy to use elevator. This home has been awarded one of a few prestigious FBGC Platinum Certifications, a HERS Index of 56 making it 44% more energy efficient than most new homes, and is also ENERGY STAR® certified.

Dolce Vita Verde – This home was literally falling down around the homeowners when they approached Hardwick General Contracting to build their dream home. Now the home is the epitome of living “the sweet life” – in a “green” way.

Through thoughtful attention to detail, the green elements of this home range from the execution of an exceptional energy efficiency and water conservation strategy to sound implementation of industry “best practices”. During re-building, 95% of construction waste was able to be recycled. In addition to being transformed into an appropriately styled neighborhood jewel, this renovated home is now FGBC’s first Platinum Certified home – and is ENERGY STAR®, DOE Builders Challenge, and Florida Water StarSM Silver certified.

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