



## **Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg Wins Two Awards of Excellence at National Conference and AGM**

**May 4, 2010** - Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg (HFHW) was proud to be recognized at the 2010 Habitat for Humanity National Conference and AGM for their accomplishments this past year. The organization was given the Canadian Affiliate of the Year Award as well as the Kenneth J. Meinert Leadership Award, honouring the individual contributions of a Winnipeg staff member.

The National Conference and AGM took place in Ottawa commencing on April 29, culminating with the awards ceremony on May 1.

HFHW received the Habitat Affiliate of the Year Award because of its sustainable building practices, which include energy efficient homes that meet the Manitoba Hydro Power Smart Gold standard as well as LEED® Certification. As well, the organization's sustainable funding, obtained through long-term partnerships with major corporations, government and businesses, was another of many reasons that HFHW was honoured at the national event.

HFHW is also extremely proud to have dedicated employee Vern Koop be honoured with the Kenneth J. Meinert Leadership Award. As Habitat Winnipeg's Director of Construction, Vern was selected as the recipient of this most prestigious individual Habitat honour for his years of service as a volunteer and staff member who continually pushed the Habitat mission forward. Vern has spent many years building homes and working with volunteers and families, showcasing his leadership through compassion, humility, selflessness, determination and honesty. His efforts have inspired others to share his passion of helping and working with people in need.

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