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ONTARIO HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION PRESENTS 2010 ANNUAL AWARDS

September 20, 2010...Windsor, Ontario. The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) presented **Ted Bryk**, of Orangeville, with its **Lifetime Achievement Award** at the association's 2010 Annual Conference at Caesars in Windsor.

Bryk was honoured for his long-standing contribution to the new housing industry and builder associations at the local, provincial and national level. He is a past president of the Canadian Home Builders' Association, the Greater Dufferin Home Builders' Association and the Toronto Home Builders' Association (now known as BILD), and in 2002 was inducted into the BILD's Hall of Fame.

As President of Dalerose Country Homes, Bryk has built and sold hundreds of homes to GTA and Orangeville-area families during his illustrious 35-year career in the residential construction industry. Prior to becoming a builder, Bryk worked as a Regional Economist for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. He earned an Economics Degree from Queen's University and an MBA from York University. "Ted is obviously a very bright guy, who has enjoyed considerable success in our industry and he has built more than just homes – he has helped build our industry associations," said Bob Finnigan, President of OHBA.

The **Niagara Home Builders' Association (NHBA)** was also recognized for their hard work and was named **2010 Local Association of the Year**. Notable among a list of outstanding achievements was NHBA's collaboration with Habitat Humanity and other community groups to build a home for a needy family in less than 50 hours. The association also raised significant funds for cancer research and the Big Brother, Big Sisters organization. In addition, the NHBA stepped up its government liaison efforts presenting a unified voice within their community and its 12 municipalities. "The Niagara Home Builders' Association also graciously hosted OHBA's conference last year and has done an absolutely outstanding job over the past year and are very worthy of this respected and coveted award," noted Finnigan.

OHBA also announced **Douglas Stewart** of the **IBI Group**, based in **Kitchener**, as its **2010 Member of the Year**. Stewart was recognized for his dual role last year as both President and Executive Officer for the Stratford and Area Home Builders' Association. Stewart was also an active volunteer OHBA's Land Development Committee and has served on the OHBA Board of Directors for the last five years. Finnigan observed, "Douglas is professional, knowledgeable and talented and always answers "yes" when OHBA needs volunteers."

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