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Habitat for Humanity – New York City and Habitat Affiliates Across New York State Are Honored for Innovative Projects and Forceful Advocacy

New York, NY, May 6, 2009 – The New York City affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, along with its sister affiliates across New York State, were named Not-for-Profit Partner of the Year today by the New York State Association for Affordable Housing (NYSFAFH).

Habitat-NYC and sister affiliates were honored for their work in building innovative, green homes and in advocating for better affordable-housing public policy and funding. The award was presented at NYSAFAH's 10th annual NYS Affordable Housing Conference.

It was accepted by Josh Lockwood, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity – New York City, and Les Scheinfeld, Associate Director of Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk and a member of the Habitat NYS Board of Directors.

In 2008, Habitat for Humanity – New York City constructed a 41-unit multifamily condo complex in Brooklyn, the largest and greenest of its kind ever constructed by a Habitat for Humanity worldwide. Habitat for Humanity – New York City also broke ground on an innovative, mixed-income 50-unit co-development project in the South Bronx, in partnership with a private affordable housing developer. Both of these New York City projects are national “firsts” for Habitat affiliates.

Lockwood said: “This honor, coupled with our recent ‘four-star’ Charity Navigator rating, is wonderful recognition that Habitat for Humanity – New York City is a high-performing nonprofit serving a critical need in our city: building quality green homes for low-income families in distress.”

Across the state in 2008, New York Habitat affiliates have constructed hundreds of homes with the help of thousands of volunteers and also fought successfully for a significant increase in state funding for affordable housing construction and preservation, in collaboration with housing advocates throughout New York.

Habitat for Humanity - New York City transforms lives and our city by building quality homes for families in need and by uniting all New Yorkers around the cause of affordable housing. With the help of thousands of volunteers every year, Habitat-NYC has built more than 180 affordable homes in the five boroughs of New York City.

Find out more about Habitat-NYC and our projects at www.habitatnyc.org.

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