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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – NEW YORK CITY’S NOV. 7 BUILDER AWARDS
RAISES MORE THAN \$1 MILLION TO BUILD HOMES FOR NEW YORKERS IN NEED**

HONOREES ARE UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION, THE *TODAY SHOW*’S AL ROKER, REV. WILLIAM TULLY AND ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH, HEDGE FUNDS FOR HABITAT-NYC AND HABITAT-NYC HOMEOWNERS SAM AND ESTHER ANSAH

Thanks to many generous supporters, Habitat for Humanity – New York City raised more than \$1 million at its 8th Annual Build Awards on Nov. 7, the highest amount ever. The funds from this record-breaking event will be used to help Habitat-NYC build affordable, green homes for New York families in need.

“We are very grateful at the outpouring of support,” said Josh Lockwood, Habitat-NYC Acting Executive Director. “2007 has been a groundbreaking year for Habitat-NYC as we began our largest project ever . . . 41 homes in Ocean Hill-Brownsville, Brooklyn, that will meet the highest green building standards.

“Next month, our hardworking families will dedicate nine new Habitat homes in Bedford-Stuyvesant—homes that include state-of-the-art, eco-friendly materials and building methods,” he added.

Habitat-NYC saluted the following honorees:

- **United Technologies Corporation**, *Corporate Partner of the Year Award*. **Greg Hayes**, Vice President of Accounting and Finance, will be accepting on behalf of UTC.
- **Al Roker** of NBC’s *Today* show, *Social Justice Award*;
- **The Rev. William Tully** and **St. Bartholomew’s Church**, *Richard Wong Faith-in-Action Award*;
- **Hedge Funds for Habitat-NYC**, *New Partnership Award*;
- **The Ansah Family**, *Family Partner of the Year Award*.

The emcee for the evening was **David Bach**, a member of Habitat-NYC’s Board and author of the best-selling *Finish Rich* series of books on personal finance and homeownership. Bach has sponsored and helped build a Habitat-NYC home and is working on a new book on environmental issues, entitled *Go Green, Live Rich*.

United Technologies Corporation is an active partner in helping Habitat-NYC become a leader in building homes that are both affordable *and* green for New York families in need. Accepting the award on behalf of UTC was **Greg Hayes**, Vice President of Accounting and Finance.

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“**United Technologies** has brought green-building technical expertise, financial support, guidance and principles to Habitat-NYC,” said **Doug Paul**, Vice Chairman of Credit Suisse, who presented UTC’s award.

Today show weatherman **Al Roker** is a longtime supporter of Habitat-NYC, where he serves as a spokesperson and member of the Leadership Council.

His Social Justice Award was presented by **Peter Knitzer**, Chairman and CEO of Citibank, N.A. “Al Roker is a deeply loved television personality, known for his compassion and commitment to our city and our people,” Mr. Knitzer said. “He has generously given his time and considerable talent to help Habitat-NYC build homes, and he personifies both “New York City” and “Social Justice,” Knitzer said.

WNBC news anchor **Michael Gargiulo** accepted the award on behalf of Mr. Roker, who was on assignment in South America.

An advocate of affordable housing and social justice, **The Rev. William Tully** is pastor of **St. Bartholomew’s Church** in Manhattan. Congregants of St. Bartholomew’s help build Habitat-NYC homes, work to improve public policies that foster affordable housing and help fund Habitat affordable homes.

The Rev. Gary Simpson, Senior Pastor of Concord Baptist Church, presented Habitat-NYC’s Richard Wong Faith-in-Action Award to Rev. Tully. “When Habitat-NYC needs people to build, advocates to speak up on issues, help funding homes or a place to celebrate volunteers, the congregation at St. Bart’s steps forward. They can always be counted on,” he said.

Hedge Funds for Habitat-NYC, a new initiative with city hedge fund managers committed to helping working families in New York City realize the dream of homeownership received the New Partnership award. **Stuart Feffer**, the organization’s champion, Co-CEO of Lacrosse Global Fund Services, and a highly regarded expert in the hedge-fund and private-equity community, accepted the award.

After putting more than 300 hours of sweat equity into their new Habitat-NYC home in the South Bronx, **Sam and Esther Ansah** hammered the final nail, spackled the last wall and settled into their house last spring—all the while juggling the demands of their recently arrived quadruplets. They are being honored for their hard work, dedication and determination to overcome personal challenges.

“Everyone pitched in to help us,” said Mr. Ansah. “Our wonderful Habitat neighbors contributed their labor to our home. Hundreds of strangers volunteered to build. And so many generous people donated funds to renovate our building.

“We are fortunate,” he added. There are so many more New Yorkers who can’t afford to live in a decent apartment, who will never be able to live in a safe place, let alone own their own home. Please don’t forget them.”

Habitat-NYC transforms lives and our city by uniting all New Yorkers around the cause of decent, affordable housing. With the help of an average of 10,000 volunteers every year, Habitat-NYC has built more than 170 homes in all five boroughs of New York City.

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