



**Imagine Homes named nation's top green volume home builder**  
*National Association of Home Builders recognizes*  
*San Antonio builder for 'Single Family Production Home of the Year'*

**(May 12, 2008) San Antonio** – The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Sunday named San Antonio-based Imagine Homes the nation's top green home builder among companies that produce single-family homes for the mass market.

The nation's largest home builder association awarded Imagine Homes its 2008 Single Family Production Home of the Year honor during its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NAHB National Green Building Conference in New Orleans. The annual National Green Building Awards program recognizes exemplary green building practices across several categories, including single-family production, custom, luxury and multifamily homes, among others.

"This is a tremendous honor for Imagine Homes and reflects our commitment to using the latest environmental building technology in each of our homes," said John Friesenhahn, president of Imagine Homes. "San Antonio has always been supportive of our efforts and so we hope this award will also now bring further attention to our city and the progress under way here."

Imagine Homes is the city's only volume home builder that certifies all of its homes under both the federal Energy Star and Build San Antonio Green programs.

Judges graded competitors on a variety of criteria, including their statements of green building philosophy and awareness of environmental building initiatives, and examined their building processes starting with lot design and preparation. Builders also were asked to describe resource, energy and water efficiencies in their homes. The remainder of the judging focused on how the home builders addressed the indoor environment, operations, maintenance, sales and marketing.

"Imagine Homes has helped lead the way to the market's embrace of green homes, and in many ways is an industry pioneer," said Ray Tonjes, chair of the NAHB Green Building Subcommittee. "When a green home doesn't look or feel significantly different from one built using more traditional construction methods, when builders have the tools and resources to build them without significant material or labor cost increases, and when consumers readily accept the finished product, then 'green' has arrived. I think it has."

Imagine Homes neighborhoods are located throughout San Antonio, including the city's newest developments Stillwater Ranch and Cibolo Canyons. Each community has a furnished model home that gives consumers a firsthand look at the building techniques used in every house Imagine Homes builds. For more information about Imagine Homes and its nationally recognized green building practices visit their Web site at [www.imaginehomessa.com](http://www.imaginehomessa.com) or call 210.877.5900 for community locations and model home hours.

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### ***About Imagine Homes***

*Imagine Homes is San Antonio's only true "green" volume home builder that combines innovation and craftsmanship to build healthy, energy-saving and environmentally responsible homes. The company is the first to build all homes under both the federal Energy Star program and the Build San Antonio Green program, co-administered by the Greater San Antonio Builders Association and the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy. Established in 2006 by John Friesenhahn and Jim Bastoni, Imagine Homes has grown quickly with homes built or under construction in six high-growth neighborhoods throughout the San Antonio area. Each home is the product of integrated building processes that help conserve energy and water resources and improve indoor air to protect family health, while adhering to high-quality workmanship, design and appearance.*