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Home Builders Association names Christensen 2010 Associate of the Year

Fargo, N.D. - The Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead announces Toby Christensen, Camrud Foss Concrete Constr., Inc., as the recipient of its 2010 Associate of the Year award.

This award is presented each fall to recognize one outstanding Associate member for effort and work expended in the interest of his or her fellow members, Association and community. Christensen has been active with the HBA since 2003. Camrud-Foss Concrete Constr., Inc., has been a member since 1960. As a recipient of the Fargo-Moorhead Associate of the Year award, Christensen will be included in a state-wide competition judged by the North Dakota Association of Builders. Winners will be announced at NDAB's annual meeting in November.

Christensen serves as president for the Home Builders Care of Fargo-Moorhead Foundation, the HBA of F-M's charitable arm. He has been on its board of trustees since 2006, playing a big role in its strategic planning sessions in 2006 and 2009. He has acted as strategic plan monitor for the foundation from 2007-2009, and recently became the HBC liaison to the HBA of F-M's Public Issues Committee. Christensen was recently named HBA Member of the Month by HBA staff, took part in spokesperson training early this year, and attended the 2010 International Builders Show in Las Vegas.

Projects close to his heart involve introducing the building industry to youth. He regularly volunteers to set up activities promoting the concrete industry to area ninth graders at the Health Tech & Trades Career Expo. He also supports the Herdina Academy for the Construction Trades by donating materials and his time to show high school students what it is like to work with concrete.

HBA Executive Vice President Bryce Johnson says, "Toby impresses HBA members and staff with his sincerity, integrity and caring focus when taking on projects and supporting the efforts of Home Builders Care Foundation and the Association. He has a great attitude and a wonderful way of leading volunteers."

Christensen's community involvement includes First Presbyterian Church in Fargo, participating on several of its committees; he is an ordained elder and deacon, commissioned Stephen Minister and teaches confirmation. Through Moorhead schools he was active on the Parent Teacher Association, a member of the Superintendents Advisory Committee and is currently a Spud Boosters board member. He has also been a local election judge numerous times over the last 15 years and is a local volunteer for American Heart Association.

Christensen and his wife, Paula, live in Moorhead and have four children: Nicole, Caleb, Adam and Abi Jo.

The HBA of F-M is a non-profit trade association of over 800 members that has been in existence since 1956. Its mission is to provide quality services, benefits and education to members and the community while representing the collective interests of the home building industry. The North Dakota Association of Builders is made up of six local associations across the state with nearly 2,000 members, and is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders. NAHB is a building trade association based in Washington, D.C., with over 235,000 members nationwide.

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