

# DURHAM CUSTOM HOMES WINS BUILDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Pictured left to right: Cathy Corner, RBC, presents Builder of the Year Award to Victor Fiume, General Manager Durham Custom Homes and Jeff Goldman, Durham Custom Homes, Principal

The Durham Region Home Builders' Association named Durham Custom Homes Builder of the Year in its 60 homes or less category at its 2009 Awards of Excellence held on April 17, 2009.

The award recognizes the builder who "sets the standard through consistent excellence in all areas of its operation." The company's positioning statement, The Evolution of Home Building, was at the core of this year's win. Three years ago, they were one of the first in Durham Region to offer ENERGY STAR homes as a standard feature. They were the first builder in Ontario to take the next step in environmentally responsible construction by adopting the GreenHouse certification in every home. Previous winners of awards for Technical Innovation, Health and Safety, Training and Development, Durham Custom Homes has not only led the industry, but has shared its expertise with other builders and suppliers.

"The best builders are known for their commitment in four areas," says Principal Jeff Goldman. "[These areas are] putting the needs of the customer front and centre; empowering staff to do their best work, giving back to the community; and supporting and promoting the industry. We're honoured to be singled out from amongst many fine builders in Durham Region."

Goldman expressed his gratitude for the Award, recognizing his staff and sub-trades as "an exceptional team of professionals who are passionate about their work" and thanked all of the homebuyers over the past 60 years who have placed their confidence in the company. He added what a great source of pride it is that "so many Durham Custom Homes purchasers are repeat buyers or referrals from previous purchasers."

Amongst the many letters of support submitted to the Durham Region Home Builders' Association in support of their nomination, homeowners Darlene and Eamon Thompson wrote: "Durham Custom Homes conducts themselves as if they were building their own home. They don't cut corners. They purchase the best building materials and have a strong sense of the importance of constructing a quality home for growing families, communities and most importantly, value what is best for the environment. They continually strive for innovative ideas to become Greener, demonstrated by their satisfaction surveys, asking and offering suggestions, looking for ways to improve – an indication that they truly care."