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## **KEPHART Recognized For Outstanding Home Designs**

**Denver, CO, November 2, 2008**— The Home Builders Association of Metro Denver presented KEPHART Community :: Planning :: Architecture with three Bar Awards honoring quality design as part of its' annual Bar Awards program that recognizes those who "Raise the Bar" and set a new standard of excellence in the Denver Home Building Industry.

Winners were selected for superior achievement in over 50 design and marketing categories, including Active Adult Condo of the Year and Active Adult Detached Home of the Year. KEPHART emerged as the clear leader in the Active Adult categories by sweeping both awards.

"We are extremely honored that the judges recognized the thought and care we put into each and every home that we design; especially those targeted toward buyers over the age of 50. Both of the award-winning homes feature open floor plans with thoughtful amenities that fit the casual lifestyle of the 50+ homebuyer," said Doug Van Lerberghe, Associate Principal of KEPHART.

**ABOUT KEPHART Community :: Planning :: Architecture:** KEPHART, founded in 1974, is an architectural design and planning firm, which provides a full range of personalized, professional services to builders and developers. The firm has completed a variety of residential and commercial ventures across the country including the innovative design and planning of over 60,000 living units ranging from single family homes to townhomes, condominiums, retirement communities, mixed-use developments transit oriented developments, and urban infill. For more information, please visit [www.kephart.com](http://www.kephart.com) or call 303-832-4474.

**ABOUT DOUG VAN LERBERGHE:** As Associate Principal and designer of award-winning communities throughout the United States, Doug has contributed greatly to KEPHART's reputation as a leader in design. He utilizes his 25+ years of experience to balance design trends with marketplace longevity and construction costs. His experience includes the design of master planned communities, high density in-fill concepts, and a wide range of multi-family for sale projects. Doug is the Chairman of the local 50+ Housing Council, and has served as the Awards Chairman of the 50+ Housing Design Awards which are sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders 50+ Housing Council.

**ABOUT THE HBA OF METRO DENVER AND THE BAR AWARDS:** The Home Builders Association of Metro Denver (HBA) is a trade association representing approximately 1,300 businesses involved in the residential development, construction and remodeling industry in the eight-county Denver metro region. Founded in 1942, the HBA is one of 850 local home builder associations in the United States. The HBA is also affiliated with the Colorado Association of Home Builders (CAHB) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), which represents more than 235,000 member firms in the United States. Since its inception in 1978, The Bar Awards honor excellence in the Denver home building industry with

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categories for product design, interior merchandising, print and radio campaigns, website design, sales office design, logos, brochures, signage, as well as the prestigious Neighborhood of the Year. The Bar Awards attract entries from eight Denver Metro counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, and Jefferson.

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