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Training house wins gold at annual Thompson Okanagan Housing Awards

KAMLOOPS—Collaborators in the UCC/Kamloops Home Builders Association training house are celebrating their partnership after being honoured with a gold award at the annual Thompson Okanagan Housing Awards in Kelowna Jan. 12.

The 2000/2001 training home, purchased by the Kamloops Y for its Dreamhome lottery, is located in the Sun Rivers Resort Community and is the 13th house to be completed by UCC and the home builders as a training project for students.

This is the first time the training house has earned a gold award, the winning entry in the Outstanding Contribution to the Housing Industry category. The 2000/2001 project was also honoured with two silver Thompson Okanagan Housing Awards on Sept. 25 in categories for best single detached home under 1,799-square feet and best technical innovation or environmental achievement by a builder, renovator, designer, subtrade or manufacturer.

Representatives from UCC trades and technology division and the Kamloops Home Builders were on hand to accept the award before a crowd of 400 industry builders and developers from the Thompson and Okanagan regions.

Howard Mayer, program development administrator for UCC Trades and Technology, said the award is a huge accomplishment given the competition from major builders and developers in the area.

"The thing that strikes me most about this success is the number of people involved in the project and the important parts they play. The collaboration between UCC and the home builders has developed into a full partnership based on mutual respect," said Mayer.

About 130 students and 14 faculty members from eight programs at UCC including residential construction, electrical trade entry, plumbing trade entry, level C welding, telecommunications and horticulture are involved in building the house each year.

This year's training house is also located in the Sun Rivers community. For more information on the UCC/KHBA gold award, please contact Howard Mayer at 828-5124.

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