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University of St. Thomas Honors David Weekley with Ethical Leadership in Action Award

HOUSTON (Nov. 2, 2010) –David Weekley, Chairman of David Weekley Homes, stands tall among servant-leaders in the Houston community. His highest priority is making sure that the needs of others – employees, customers and citizens of the world– are being served *first*. For his selfless leadership, moral business acumen and unwavering level of social responsibility, Weekley was named the 2010 recipient of the Ethical Leadership in Action Award by the University of St. Thomas Cameron School of Business Center for Business Ethics. He was honored at a luncheon on Oct. 26. Watch a [video tribute](#) to Weekley, which was shown at the event.

Weekley, who began his homebuilding company at age 23, has built more than 60,000 homes and received nearly 400 awards for home design. In addition to providing the American dream of home ownership to many, Weekley encourages his employees to use their “entire potential” and to give back to the community in volunteer hours to Habitat for Humanity, the Susan G. Komen Foundation and many local charities.

“If ‘tone at the top’ sets the standard for a company’s ethical performance, then it is no wonder that Weekley Homes is such an admired company,” said longtime friend Bruce Wilkinson, retired chairman and CEO of McDermott International Inc. “Weekley Homes has avoided many temptations of a growing business over the years – taking on significant debt, overspending, and cutting quality to improve profits. Instead, David focuses on continual improvement.”

His dynamic approach to building an excellent workplace culture has landed Weekley on *Fortune* magazine’s “100 Best Places to Work” list for seven years, an award based in large measure on employee satisfaction. Since 1976, he has been recognized twice by *Inc.* magazine as having one of America’s 500 Fastest Growing Companies; in 1986 he was the National Association of Homebuilders’ Builder of the Year. In 1989, he was named Houston Entrepreneur of the Year by *Inc.*

Weekley is also a community leader serving on many boards including the Boy Scouts and St. Luke’s Hospital. He has also served on the Vestry at Palmer Memorial Church.

Beyond the obligations of his business career and family commitments, he gives generously through the Weekley Family Foundation. He and his wife, Bonnie, travel to Africa regularly, working with organizations such as Living Water and Hope International. Living Water drills water wells throughout the most impoverished countries of Africa and around the world. Hope International and its affiliated organizations provide microfinancing to create small businesses throughout Africa, India

and Latin America. Weekley commits substantial financial resources as well as 50 percent of his personal time working on these charitable projects.

Weekley holds degrees in economics and geology from San Antonio's Trinity University.

The Ethic Leadership in Action is awarded every two years. Previous awards were given to Charles Miller (2000), Jack Blanton (2002), George Martinez (2004), Jim Ketelsen (2006) and Drayton McLane (2008).