



Thrive Home Builders Wins Unprecedented Third Consecutive Grand Award from the U.S. Dept. of Energy

DENVER...October 12, 2015... Thrive Home Builders (formerly known as New Town Builders) was one of only four builders in the nation to be awarded a top national award from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for Innovation in Multi-Family Homes. Thrive Home Builders is the nation's first home builder to win a prestigious Grand Award for three consecutive years.

The DOE Housing Innovation Awards recognize the very best in innovation on the path to zero energy ready homes. This year, 24 industry leaders were recognized during the Energy and Environmental Building Alliance's Conference in Denver but only four builders were awarded Grand Awards. Thrive Home Builders was recognized for Rowhomes at Perrin's Row in Wheat Ridge.

"Introducing homeowners to the benefits of energy efficient homes has been incredibly rewarding. Everyone wins because net zero homes are good for the environment and offer homeowners significant savings on energy costs," said Gene Myers, CEO of Thrive Home Builders.

"Wheat Ridge is honored that Thrive Homes selected our community to build these homes," said Wheat Ridge Mayor Joyce Jay. "The Perrin's Row project was supposed to take three years to sell and construct, and it's taken less than two years. It just shows the quality of these homes and the popularity of Wheat Ridge. It's been a great partnership."

Several neighborhoods in Metro Denver feature energy efficient homes built by Thrive Home Builders, including Stapleton, RidgeGate, Hyland Village and Castlewood Ranch. In addition to being energy efficient, Thrive Home Builders homes are known for signature design features like extra thick walls, solar panels and welcoming front porches.

Recently, Thrive Home Builders changed its name from New Town Builders, a name it was known by for 15 years. The name change reflects the company's next evolution to grow beyond energy efficient homes to build well-crafted "healthy homes" that promote wellness.

"Healthy homes" are as devoid of potentially harmful chemicals as possible. Research from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has demonstrated the negative impact that many common building materials can have on a home's air quality. From certain types of insulation and paints to the type of flooring and even how wood is treated, all building materials emit chemicals, and many are dangerously toxic. Surprisingly, most homeowners are unaware of the impact building materials can have on air quality and health. Currently, most new Thrive Home Builders homes meet the United States EPA's stringent Indoor airPLUS standards.

"We want homebuyers to know that their next home can do more. We believe a home should help pay for its own energy, offer peace of mind with its durability and make people healthier by incorporating the latest health features," noted Myers.

For more information on Thrive Home Builders, visit www.thrivehomebuilders.com.

For more information on the DOE Zero Energy Ready program, visit <http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/zero-energy-ready-home>. This page also has information on the Housing Innovation Awards.

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