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Hardin's \$22,000 in Fundraising Jump-Starts 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Youth testimonials showcase Scouting's Learning for Life programs

ATLANTA (November 14, 2008) — Hardin Construction Company LLC has reported fundraising that totals nearly \$22,000 in support of the 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign for the Boy Scouts of America, Atlanta Area Council.

“As of today, through the dedicated support of Hardin Construction and the W Hotel & Residences project team and subcontractors, we have raised \$21,850,” announced Hardin’s Matt Waddell, chairman of an Atlanta district Scouting campaign and Construction Manager of the W Hotel project in downtown Atlanta.

Waddell made the announcement at the 2009 Golden Eagle Luncheon, which kicked off the campaign. The event—held in the finished ballroom of the still-active W Hotel construction project—drew more than 70 attendees, including corporate contributors, Scouting representatives and project team members and subcontractors.

“Especially considering the economic climate today, what Hardin and the W Hotel project team have accomplished is outstanding and much appreciated,” said Stephanie Hynes, Senior Learning for Life Executive.

More Than A Good Deed

The W Hotel project team includes Uzun & Case, a structural design firm involved in Scouting's Learning for Life program called Exploring, a worksite based career program. As Hardin reported on its fundraising efforts, two program participants described their experiences learning about structural engineering through the Exploring program.

"I enjoy this field because it incorporates all of the things I love to do: math, science and a little bit of computer activity mixed with it," said Aaron Henderson, a senior at Benjamin Banneker High School in south Fulton County. Long interested in engineering, Henderson said Exploring has stirred a fascination with structural engineering.

Said Clarence Richardson, a junior at Maynard H. Jackson High School in Atlanta: "They have helped me to steady my thoughts on my future career path, and now I have decided I not only want to be an architect, but I want more knowledge of the structural engineering world and its many wonders."

Since 2003, Hardin has spearheaded a campaign for an Atlanta Area Council district, the Learning for Life 01 district. Waddell chairs the district's 2009 campaign, which has a goal of \$27,000.

"Thanks to generous support from the W Hotel & Residences project team, Scouting and the Learning for Life programs in Atlanta are stronger than ever," Waddell said.

About Hardin Construction Company

Founded in 1946, Hardin Construction Company is a leading general contractor and construction manager in the United States and has consistently been in the forefront of its industry for years. With offices in Atlanta, GA, Tampa, FL, Orlando, FL, Raleigh, NC, and Austin, TX, Hardin Construction provides comprehensive construction services including general construction, construction management, design-build, renovation, and FF&E management. A privately held company, Hardin Construction provides services in

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