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## **2008 a Banner Year for Hardin Fundraising and Community Involvement**

**ATLANTA** (January 21, 2009) — The protracted economic downturn of 2008 brought out the best in Hardin Construction Company’s sense of compassion and commitment to community good works.

From volunteerism that spruced up ball fields and built affordable homes, to the collection of Holiday toys and the support of worthy causes through the company’s employee-run charitable foundation, 2008 was a banner year for fundraising and hands-on involvement for Atlanta-based Hardin.

“Community service is one of the strengths of Hardin,” said Company Chairman Brantley Barrow, “and 2008 brought an impressive level of enthusiasm and commitment by our associates to making a difference in the cities and neighborhoods where we live and work.”

The Hardin Associates Charitable Foundation contributed more than \$60,000 in grant awards to charitable causes in Atlanta; Tampa, Florida; Orlando, Florida; Austin, Texas; and Raleigh, North Carolina—cities where the company has branch offices. Administered by Hardin employees, who nominated eligible non-profit organizations as prospective

grant applicants, the Foundation supported community based initiatives that, among other things, spurred neighborhood revitalization, installed new playground equipment, provided student academic support and advancement services, and reunited siblings assigned to different foster care facilities.

Hardin's support of the March of Dimes spans more than 19 years, and in 2008 the company reached the \$1 million milestone in cumulative giving. The March of Dimes honored Hardin as one its Top Ten Corporate Partners.

The United Way, the Grady Hospital Foundation, Leadership Orlando, the Boy Scouts of America, and Junior Achievement were also among the beneficiaries of Hardin's expression of community responsibility. For United Way, 2008 capped a three-year period during which Hardin raised more than \$110,000. On another front, spearheaded by Hardin, the W Hotel & Residence project team in Atlanta raised \$1,500 in support of an effort to collect and distribute bottles, diapers, toys, blankets and other items to young families in need. That same project team and subcontractors also reported in December the collection of nearly \$22,000 in support of the 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign for the Boy Scouts of America, Atlanta Area Council. "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.

Hardin's hands-on involvement covered a plethora of local initiatives. Associates signed up for Habitat for Humanity homebuilding crews throughout the southeast, wielding hammers, drills and construction savvy aplenty. Highlights included a phenomenal one-day build in Statesboro, Georgia, by 120 employees of Hardin, subcontractors and suppliers of a Georgia Southern University student housing project; a prolific four-project year by Hardin associates in Orlando; and, in Atlanta, volunteer forces lent a hand in several celebrated projects, including the first ever townhome build in Atlanta, which was sponsored by Hardin, as well as the historic 1000<sup>th</sup> and 1001<sup>st</sup> Atlanta Habitat for Humanity houses.

Also during 2008, Hardin associates delivered toys and personal items to children and adults served by a domestic violence service provider in Tampa and met one-on-one with entrepreneurs and small business owners to offer advice and support through the Governor's Mentor Protégé Program in Georgia.

“Hardin associates’ contributions of time, talent and money demonstrated how, individually and collectively, we can strengthen communities and personally brighten the lives of people and families right in our midst,” said Hardin Chairman Barrow.

### **About Hardin Construction Company**

Founded in 1946, Hardin Construction Company, LLC 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, Fla., Orlando, Fla., Raleigh, N.C., and Austin, Texas, Hardin Construction provides comprehensive construction services including general construction, construction management, design-build, renovation and furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) management. A privately held company, Hardin Construction provides services in markets such as retail, hospitality, residential, office, education, healthcare and public assembly. For more information, visit [www.hardinconstruction.com](http://www.hardinconstruction.com).

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