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## **SHUGART ENTERPRISES, LLC IS RECOGNIZED WITH A 2010 ENERGY STAR® LEADERSHIP IN HOUSING AWARD**

***Shugart Enterprises, LLC* earns award for building new homes that protect the environment through energy efficiency**

**Winston-Salem, NC** – *Shugart Enterprises, LLC* is pleased to announce that it has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a 2010 ENERGY STAR Leadership in Housing Award. This award recognizes the important contribution *Shugart Enterprises* has made to energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by building more than 85 ENERGY STAR qualified homes last year. Collectively, these homes will save our customers approximately \$37,995 on utility bills each year.

The environmental benefits of these ENERGY STAR qualified homes are equal to the equivalent of:

- Eliminating the emissions from 42 vehicles;
- Saving 251,940 lbs of coal;
- Planting 69 acres of trees; or
- Saving the environment 494,105 pounds of CO2 per year.

To earn the ENERGY STAR, a home must meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These homes are at least 15% more energy efficient than homes built to the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC), and include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20–30% more efficient than standard homes.

***“Shugart’s energy efficient homes are a smarter investment with a better resale value for the environment, all at a price our buyers can afford. The response from the home public has been very positive and has reflected in our sales. As a result, Shugart has been recognized by the NAHB for completing more homes certified to the National Green Building Standard than any other builder in the nation. A great accomplishment for a local Home Builder.”***

ENERGY STAR qualified homes offer homebuyers all the features they want in a new home, plus energy-saving features like effective insulation systems, high performance windows, tight construction and ducts, properly-sized and installed efficient heating and cooling equipment, efficient products, and third-party verification of energy performance.

“Most homebuyers focus on what's outside the walls,” said Sam Rashkin, National Director for EPA's ENERGY STAR Homes Program, “but they also need to look behind the walls for the energy-efficient features found in ENERGY STAR qualified homes that

help ensure comfort, quiet, improved indoor air quality, and low utility bills for years to come.”

More than one million ENERGY STAR homes have been built in the United States since the program first began labeling homes in 1995. Thanks to the dedication of our partners, families living in ENERGY STAR qualified homes will save more than \$270 million this year on their utility bills, while avoiding greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 370,000 vehicles.

#### About Shugart Enterprises, LLC

Shugart Enterprises, LLC is a family owned business specializing in the construction of residential homes in the Triad area. Since 1966, Shugart Enterprises, LLC has been making dreams come true for Triad families. One of the area’s largest homebuilders, Shugart Enterprises, LLC has earned a lasting reputation for quality and care.

For more information, please visit our website, [www.BuyShugart.com](http://www.BuyShugart.com) or contact us at our Main Office, 336-765-9661 or our Design Gallery at 336-231-6777.

#### About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 17,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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