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NAHB HONORS STEPHEN GIDLEY AS 2015 CGR OF THE YEAR

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb 3 – Stephen C. Gidley, CAPS, CGB, CGP, CGR, GMB an award-winning builder and remodeler in Fairfield County, Conn., has been named the 2015 Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders.

Remodelers with at least five years of experience in the industry can apply for the CGR designation. Courses in the CGR curriculum are designed to emphasize business and project management skills as the key to a successful remodeling operation, and are customized based on the remodeler's background and experience.

"By presenting the Designee of the Year awards, NAHB honors individuals who fully embody our ideals," said 2015 NAHB Education Chair Tom Stephani, CAPS, CGP, CGR, GMB and MIRM, an Illinois custom home builder and instructor.

"These are our leaders. They incorporate innovative practices and techniques that ultimately benefit home buyers and home owners as they shine a positive light on our industry and inspire others through their commitment to excellence."

Stephen Gidley Contractors has a 90% client retention rate with 75% of its work coming from repeat clients and word-of-mouth referrals. His projects have been honored by his local home builders association and garnered regional and national awards as well. Gidley has been recognized as a leading contracting firm by Qualified Remodeler magazine, which has twice named the company in its Top 200 lists.

"NAHB strives to improve professionalism among our members and elevate the industry through education. We strongly encourage builders, remodelers and other housing professionals to reach the next stage in their careers by earning an NAHB designation," said Stephani.

Gidley and other leading industry professionals were recognized on Jan. 18 at the Designation Achievement Reception just before the 2016 NAHB International Builders' Show in Las Vegas.

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ABOUT NAHB: The National Association of Home Builders is a Washington-based trade association representing more than 140,000 members involved in home building, remodeling, multifamily construction, property management, subcontracting, design, housing finance, building product manufacturing and other aspects of residential and light commercial construction. NAHB is affiliated

with 800 state and local home builders associations around the country. NAHB's builder members will construct about 80 percent of the new housing units projected for this year.

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