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The Thornton Tomasetti Foundation Awards Grant to Haiti Housing Collaborative to Aid Earthquake Victims

(New York, NY – March 21, 2011) – The Thornton Tomasetti Foundation recently awarded a grant to the Haiti Housing Collaborative (HHC) for its ongoing work to support individuals and communities in Haiti still recovering more than a year after a devastating earthquake ravaged the island nation.

After the earthquake hit Haiti in January 2010, the AIA NY Global Dialogues Committee formed the Haiti Housing Collaborative (HHC) with the goal of designing affordable single-family homes and communities for earthquake victims.

The Thornton Tomasetti Foundation is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization established in February 2008. One of the Foundation's primary goals is to provide financial support for individuals and organizations pursuing philanthropic activities related to building engineering, design or technology.

Key Points:

- Consisting of New York area architects and planners, HHC aims for the design of single-family homes and communities through the Call for Collaborative Design, a competition from which finalists are chosen.
- In the final stage of the Call, participants put together a presentation that includes site plans, construction materials and engineering methods.
- These homes will cost \$1,000 to \$5,000 to build and construction is set to begin in May 2011 with the use of local materials and workers.
- 100% of the funds donated by the Thornton Tomasetti Foundation will go directly to the HHC.

Executive Quotes

Richard Tomasetti, chairman, Thornton Tomasetti Foundation

“The Thornton Tomasetti Foundation is happy it can help the design profession support humanitarian efforts such as the Haiti Housing Collaborative in their ongoing effort to provide relief to the earthquake ravaged victims of this island nation.”

Supporting Materials

Haiti Housing Collaborative: <http://www.haitihousingcollaborative.org/#/about>

About the Thornton Tomasetti Foundation

www.ThorntonTomasettiFoundation.org

The Thornton Tomasetti Foundation, a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization established in February 2008, has two primary missions including funding fellowships, scholarships and internships for undergraduate students, and those planning to pursue graduate studies in building engineering, design or technology and providing financial support for individuals and organizations pursuing philanthropic activities related to building engineering, design or technology. Key elements of the program are college scholarships, traveling internships, and grants to, and partnerships with nonprofit organizations.

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