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LOCAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT HONORED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Sarasota, FL (July 2012) — David W. Young, principal of DWY Landscape Architects, was presented with the esteemed Environmental and Sustainability Honor for the Center for Building Hope (formerly called the Wellness Community Center) by the Florida Chapter of the American Association of Landscape Architects (FLASLA) during their annual conference in St. Augustine, FL. At the discretion of the Awards Jury, this award may be bestowed upon a single project that exhibits sound sustainable practices. DWY also received an Award of Honor in institutional design for this project in addition to awards of both Merit and Excellence in Residential Design for projects in Bird Key and Boca Grande.

The Center for Building Hope was conceived to be a worldwide prototype for cancer support communities. Located on the edge of a conservation area overlooking a wetland, DWY blurred the lines between the built site and its natural setting while establishing infinite spaces for healing. Amenities include a medicinal herb garden, tai chi lawn, labyrinth, fitness trail and dramatic courtyard. A truly collaborative effort, the project embraced LID strategies and achieved a LEED Gold certification.

Founded in 1999 by Landscape Architect David Young, DWY has enjoyed commissions ranging from modern waterfront estates to healing gardens and beachfront parks. What began as a small practice with a focus on residential design has evolved into a firm with a portfolio that also includes a world-renowned museum, campus master-plans, condominium developments and streetscapes. Born and raised in Florida, Young has a distinct perspective and inherent passion for native horticulture with a keen understanding of sustainable design. For more information, please visit www.DWYlandscapearchitects.com.

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(Project photography available upon request.)

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