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LOCAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FIRM HONORED WITH 3 AWARDS

Sarasota, FL (May 2012) — DWY Landscape Architects has received three (3) prestigious awards from the Florida Chapter of the American Association of Landscape Architects (FLASLA) as part of the annual design awards program. The distinctions included an award of Honor in the category of Institutional Design for the Center for Building Hope (formerly called the Wellness Community Center) and awards of both Merit and Excellence in Residential Design for projects in Bird Key and Boca Grande.

The Award of Excellence, the most distinguished award presented, was received for the Boca Grande Residence. Located on a narrow strip of land between the Gulf of Mexico and an inter-coastal freshwater lagoon, this residence serves as a family gathering spot and seasonal escape. The house was designed as two distinct pavilions separated by an elevated amenity level that provides stunning views. Unique features of the design include use of epiphytes, acrylic windows in the bottom of the pool and a 6,000-gallon cistern with automatic weather-sensing controller.

The Center for Building Hope submittal received an Award of Honor in the Institutional Design category. This project 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.

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The Award of Merit was received for the landscape renovation of a Bird Key residence. The home was purchased for the waterfront location but the existing site lacked function and failed to match the interior's modern aesthetic. Considering the owners desire to take advantage of Florida's temperate climate during seasonal visits, DWY re-created the exterior environment through a series of outdoor spaces designed for cooking, entertaining, dining and swimming. Defined by clean lines, water features and lighting, the new landscape is a true modern retreat.

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.)