

## **Congratulations to 2011 Home for the Holidays Winner Bess Trahan!**

After several months of hard work and furious ticket sales, the name of the 2011 Home for the Holidays Grand Prize Winner was finally drawn on Wednesday, December 7th during a live broadcast on KATC-TV 3. In honor of Pearl Harbor Day, the winning ticket was drawn by Robert Lowe, a United States veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor.

The lucky winner of the 2011 Home for the Holidays was Bess Trahan of Lafayette. Mrs. Trahan is a teacher at Prairie Elementary, and on Thursday, she and her family were given a personal tour of their new home by builder Phil Melancon of Greatwood Homes. The family plans to move in, and they were thrilled to see its beautiful fixtures and luxury amenities.

Home for the Holidays is an annual project by the Acadian Home Builders Association (AHBA) and KATC-TV 3 in which a high-end home is raffled off for charity. The 2011 Home for the Holidays is located in Copper Meadows subdivision and valued at over \$400,000. It was designed by Michael Campbell and built using donations of materials and labor from AHBA members.

This year's event was the best ever with a record-breaking 5,488 tickets sold. In January, proceeds from the Home for the Holidays will be distributed to local non-profit organizations including Lafayette Habitat for Humanity, Faith House, Acadiana Youth Inc., and St. Michael's Center for Veterans. The project has given \$775,000 to its adopted charities since its conception seven years ago.

AHBA and KATC would like to thank the people of Acadiana for making this year so amazing! Because of you, tens of thousands of dollars will be donated to charities right here in Lafayette Parish. The overwhelming success of this year's Home for the Holidays is also due to the many sponsors, donors, and volunteers who gave the project their support. AHBA, KATC, and their adopted charities are very grateful to everyone who assisted with this worthwhile cause.