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Chevalle Wins *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's* 2008 Best in Real Estate Award for Community Impact

(April 21, 2008—Chaska, Minn.) — The *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* last week recognized Chevalle, a highly desirable, environmentally-sensitive, master-planned community located in Chaska, with a 2007 Best in Real Estate Award for its positive community impact. The development is profiled in its annual Best in Real Estate publication, inserted in the April 18 issue of the newspaper.

According to the article, Nick Koch, associate vice president of HGA Architects and Engineers, who was one of the Best in Real Estate competition judges, said, "Instead of being an isolated upper-income development, Chevalle is a community with public access, multiple price points, protected conservation areas and a wonderful concept about connecting the innate therapeutic spirit of horses with riding opportunities for persons with disabilities. What a lovely idea!"

In a letter of nomination for the Community Impact Award, Chaska Mayor Gary Van Eyll told judges, "The success of Chevalle has really occurred because of the great partnership the City of Chaska has had with the developers...Dave and Rachel Igel (the developers) spent a great deal of both time and money listening to what the City wanted to accomplish in this development... Chevalle is a model for new development, and one that will have a lasting impact on the community as we move into the future".

"We were thrilled to receive the recognition," said David Igel of Chevalle Development Company. "It's a great testament to the cooperative relationships we've had with the city, the community partners, the builders, and everyone else involved in this development. It's an award we all share."

Chevalle is situated on 300 acres of pristine rolling countryside abutting the north shore of fully recreational Lake Bavaria in Chaska and less than one half mile from the new Highway 212. Its four neighborhoods feature a unique blend of homes including, custom, single family, twin homes

and maintenance-free villas and 200 acres of open green space. Amenities include two new public parks, a neighborhood pavilion, pontoon and canoe reservation through the neighborhood association, 10.5 miles of lighted be public walking, biking, hiking and equestrian trails, and extensive pasture land where horses will graze. The development plan also involves several restoration, conservation and education components, including the restoration of over 30 acres of habitat-designed wetland areas, the introduction of native bird species, a butterfly garden, poppy fields, and an apple orchard. Educational placards will be placed throughout the property to help residents and community trail users better understand and appreciate their environment. A 40,000 square foot state-of-the-art equestrian center is also planned for the development offering opportunities to train and board a horse but with no association fees to homeowners.

To get more information or set up an appointment at the onsite information center at 3720 Bavaria Road (a mile and a half south of Highway 5 on Bavaria Road) in Chaska, call Greer Hussey at 952-443-4440. Visit Chevalle online at www.chevallehomes.com

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