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**Tampa National Association of Women in Construction
to Inspire Construction Careers with Tampa Children's Home**

November 1, 2009 Tampa, FL – On November 15th the Tampa chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction will host their annual Block Kids competition with the Tampa Children's Home.

Residents at the home in 1st through 5th grade will be challenged to build a structure out of 100 interlocking blocks and 3 other items they select from rocks, string, foil or poster board. Participants will have 1 hour to complete their structure before judging.

In addition to the structure, entries will be scored by their responses to questions like; why did you build this project, how will it be used, or is there anything about it you would change? Guest judges from the Tampa Bay construction community include: <Insert judge names & companies they come from>.

The winning entry will be submitted to a regional competition and the regional winner will be the state of Florida's submission to the national competition hosted by the National Association of Women in Construction Education Foundation.

The Block Kids competition was established by the NAWIC Education Foundation in 1990 as a way to introduce elementary aged children to the construction industry. Since launching the program, more than 300,000 students have participated in the annual competition.

Since 1892 the Tampa Children's Home has been a safe haven for children who have suffered from abuse, neglect, or abandonment. "We believe that children deserve to have a happy childhood, and bringing this program to our on-campus children will not only create a memorable day for them but help them realize their dreams for a promising future," said, Gerald Veneman President/CEO of the Tampa Children's Home.

The Tampa Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction was chartered in 1960. Now with 43 members, the chapter holds a monthly meeting with industry speakers, hosts a CAD Design competition for high school students and this year provided \$5,000 in scholarships to students pursuing careers in construction. More information about the chapter can be found online at www.nawictampa.org

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