

Southern Living's holiday home opens Friday in Claremont community

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The 2010 Southern Living Showcase Home will open for holiday tours and parties on Nov. 5, helping to raise money for Toys for Tots.

Dillard-Jones Builders, a member of the Southern Living Custom Builder program since 2006, constructed this year's Showcase Home in the 74-acre, gated Claremont community on Roper Mountain Road.

The house is Southern Living's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design project, according to T Thomas Dillard, president of Dillard-Jones, and Brent Warren, a manager for the Southern Living Custom Builder program.

It will be incorporated into the Southern Living collection of national house plans as the Custom Builder Program's first collaborative design/build project.

The house is a custom design the Johnston Design Group, LLC of Greenville, a Southern Living architect and nationally known leader in sustainable architecture, and built by Dillard Jones.

The Showcase house has an open floor plan with five bedrooms and four and a half bathrooms.

Other features in the house include a chef's kitchen, media room, study, laundry room with hobby space, butler's pantry, carriage house, and outdoor living space that includes a screened porch and outdoor fire pit.

At least 10,000 people are expected to walk through the house this year.