Filtrete Brand Awards Michigan Family \$30,000 for Healthy Home Remodel Makeover

Holly Grant of Sterling Heights, Mich. was selected as the grand prize winner of the Filtrete Healthy Home Remodel Contest. Grant's winning submission detailed concerns with mold and active water leaks in her house and described her family's wish to create a healthy home environment for their 18-month-old son, who suffers from serious respiratory issues. Filtrete Brand, known for its air and water filtration products, in partnership with America's Most Trusted Contractor Mike Holmes will be providing the Grant Family a home inspection and \$30,000 cash to put towards much needed repairs and renovations.

"We bought our house as a 'fixer-upper' knowing we would have our work cut out for us," said Holly Grant, winner of the national contest. "But when we discovered hidden mold in our nursery-to-be – and welcomed our son three months ahead of schedule – we entered the Filtrete Healthy Home Remodel Contest as a plea for help – to tackle these urgent home repairs and minimize any long-term health and safety risks for my family."

To help improve the health and safety of her home, <u>The Holmes Group</u>, an organization founded by Mike Holmes with divisions dedicated to providing thorough, high quality residential inspections and building services, will provide a Holmes approved home inspector and contractor to examine the home and identify health and safety concerns, as well as help manage repairs to make the home healthier for the family. For families with similar home concerns, Holmes offers these 'SAFETY' tips:

- S: Seek professional assistance if you suspect there are traces of lead in your home.
- A: Address indoor air quality and change your air filter.
- F: Fix leaks to prevent mold and mildew
- E: Exercise caution around appliances
- T: Test for dangerous gases and make sure smoke and monoxide detectors are working properly
- Y: Yield healthier results with regular maintenance—fix small problems now to avoid big repairs later

"Many homeowners don't realize that things like mold and water damage can lead to big problems, like poor indoor air quality," said Mike Holmes, contest judge and trusted contractor who appears on HGTV. "Regular home maintenance is key for a healthy home environment and keeping costs low."

Filtrete Brand offers a full line of high efficiency filters that help support a healthier home by capturing small particles, such as allergens, from the air passing through a home's forced-air heating, ventilation and air condition system.

About the Contest:

Entrants were required to submit a written essay and supporting photos to explain why their homes were deserving of a healthier home remodel. Thousands of entries were received and judged on the entry's fit to the contest theme, the quality of the essay and the quality of the accompanying images.

About the First-Prize Winners: The following first-prize winners received \$5,000 cash to put towards home repairs:

Wendy Brown of Palmetto, Fla. Tristan Lee of Syracuse, N.Y. Kristin Nichols of Saint George, S.C. Paul Lindenberger of Grapevine, Texas

For more tips on creating a healthier home, visit <u>www.Filtrete.com</u>

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