

# News Release



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## **Royalton in Miami, Fla. to Receive Preservation Honor Award**

*National Trust for Historic Preservation to Present Award at Its National Conference*

**Austin, Texas (October 19, 2010)**—The **National Trust for Historic Preservation** will present its Preservation Honor Award for the restoration of the **Royalton in Miami, Fla.** The project is one of 23 award winners to be honored by the National Trust during its **2010 National Preservation Conference** next week in Austin, Texas.

Built in 1923 in the Classic Revival style, the Royalton Hotel was once an opulent, elegant hideaway in the heart of Miami's Central Business District. Eight decades later, the hotel had become a rundown, faded eyesore—that is until a local developer teamed with a nonprofit housing group to create magic in Magic City.

Carlisle Development and Carrfour Supportive Housing joined forces in 2004 to acquire and renovate the Royalton as a 100-unit affordable housing project for very-low and low-income residents and the formerly homeless. From the start, the project presented a number of challenges, including a complicated financing package and continued delays because of unforeseen structural deficiencies. In addition, several hurricanes during 2005 and 2006 presented additional setbacks.

Yet the partners persevered, bringing the building back to life with re-created period details, energy-saving systems and facilities to meet residents' needs and guide them to a better life. The restoration was so historically accurate that the new terrazzo floor is an identical match of the original's color and texture. Completed in 2008, the historic renovation of the Royalton restored the building to its original grandeur, while offering state-of-the-art amenities including wireless Internet and energy saving upgrades.

“Congratulations to Carlisle Development and Carrfour Supportive Housing for a truly innovative and much-needed preservation project,” said Stephanie Meeks, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. “Thanks to their efforts the Royalton is, once again, a bright spot in a downtown historic district. For 100 of the city's neediest citizens, it's something more important: its home.”

The award will be presented to Kenneth Naylor of Carlisle Development Group at the National Preservation Awards ceremony in Austin, Texas, on Friday, October 29, at 6PM CST. Co-recipient is: Carrfour Supportive Housing, Inc.

The National Preservation Awards are bestowed on distinguished individuals, nonprofit organizations, public agencies and corporations whose skill and determination have given new meaning to their communities through preservation of our architectural and cultural heritage. These efforts include citizen attempts to save and maintain important landmarks; companies and craftsmen whose work restores the richness of the past; the vision of public officials who support preservation projects and legislation in their communities; and educators and journalists who

help Americans understand the value of preservation. The winners of the National Preservation Awards will appear in the November/December issue of *Preservation Magazine* and online at [www.PreservationNation.org/awards](http://www.PreservationNation.org/awards).

**To download high resolution images of this year's National Preservation Award winners, visit [www.PreservationNation.org/press](http://www.PreservationNation.org/press)**

### **THE 2010 NATIONAL PRESERVATION AWARD WINNERS:**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation ([www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org)) is a non-profit membership organization bringing people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to them. By saving the places where great moments from history – and the important moments of everyday life – took place, the National Trust for Historic Preservation helps revitalize neighborhoods and communities, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. With headquarters in Washington, DC, 9 regional and field offices, 29 historic sites, and partner organizations in all 50 states, the National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to a national network of people, organizations and local communities committed to saving places, connecting us to our history and collectively shaping the future of America's stories.

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