Teacher turned home builder nets Georgie Award

LANGLEY'S LARRY CLAY FIRST FRASER VALLEY BUILDER TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

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Larry Clay is beaming these days, after returning from the black tie Georgie Awards gala as winner

of Best Custom Home Builder the Year.

"It's a huge, huge honour." said Clay,

owner of Clay Construction.

He is the first Fraser Valley builder to receive this award.

Clay is a former teacher at Langley Christian School who decided 10 years ago to bring his passion of building homes into creating his own company.

Since making that decision, the Langley builder has never looked back.

"I was passionate about teaching but I am pas-

sionate about building homes so I left my first of love teaching go to my second love,

said Clay.

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His team has built custom homes all over Metro Vancouver, some in Vancouver's priciest neighbourhoods. But many of the homes built have been right here in Langley.

One of his homes, built in Murrayville, was recent-



ly features in a made-for-TV movie "Coming Home For Christmas." A home he just finished in Langley is built based on R2000 energy efficient. Built to accommodate the Langley home owner's severe allergies to chemicals, Clay had to use different materials and find new ways of building.

"It's an incredible house, very unique," he said. The Township of Langley has put in a new energy efficient rebate program that Clay was able to utilize in this project.

Some of the changes in-

cluded not using regular calking or anything with pbc's in it.

The 22nd annual Georgie Awards gala was held Feb. 1, at the Vancouver Convention Centre West.

Presented by the Canadian Home Builders' Association of British Columbia and BC Homes, the Georgie Awards showcase the best of B.C.'s residential construction industry, whether home builder, renovator, marketer, or otherwise involved in the industry.

To learn more about Clay Construction go to clayconstruction.ca.



Langley's Larry Clay (photo left, centre) was named the winner of the best cus-