

Kim Hibbs, Owner and General Contractor at [Hibbs Homes](#)

Since leaving his career in broadcast journalism at KSDK-TV in St Louis, Kim Hibbs has been building custom, energy efficient homes throughout the St. Louis area as the owner and general contractor of Hibbs Homes. He and his wife Jan founded the full service design and building company eight years ago, and since they have completed residential projects throughout the St Louis area ranging in value from \$180,000 to nearly \$2m.

Hibbs is a Certified Green Professional, a designation earned through the National Association of Home Builders. He is actively involved with the St Louis Home Builder's Association, serving on their Board of Directors. Hibbs is also a member of the Home Builder's Association Green Building Council and Chairman of the HBA Custom Home Builders' Council. And In June 2008 he was selected as Shaw Neighborhood's developer of the year for his work building two single-family homes that "blend seamlessly" with the surrounding, historical district.

Hibbs Homes builds verified green homes to the Gold Level of the St Louis HBA's Green Building Initiative, and has the distinction of building one of the first Gold Level green verified homes in the St Louis area. Hibbs Homes is a registered Energy Star builder and their homes have earned the highest possible Energy Star rating of five-plus stars. Hibbs Homes is the homebuilder for the first Active House in the USA, scheduled to break ground in Spring 2012.

In 2011, Hibbs was recognized by local and national media for his work to pull together contracting partners and suppliers to donate time and materials to help a North St Louis family after their under-insured home was destroyed by storms on Good Friday. In addition to securing time and material donations, he also organized his partners to cover additional costs to have the home built energy efficient and certified green in order to lower the family's utility bills and increase the home's resale value. All of the work was completed on an aggressive deadline to ensure the family's home was ready for the holiday season. As Hibbs has often said, "It is just the right thing to do."

Hibbs Homes has always made it a part of the company's mission to support and participate in community and charitable events, when and where there is an opportunity. From building a custom dog house to auction for the benefit of an animal charity, to building a custom playhouse decked out like an old-fashioned sheriff's office for auction to benefit CASA, Hibbs uses available time and resources to give back to the community. In addition to special construction projects, Hibbs Homes actively support youth sports teams in his community whenever possible.

Outreach is also important to Hibbs, and he speaks to local elementary, high school and college students about the construction industry, architecture, sustainability, and green issues through his affiliation with the local chapter of the Home Builder's Association. It is just another way that Hibbs utilizes his skills and company to help out in the St. Louis community.