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## **Touchmark receives national award**

BEND, Ore. — Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village again has received national acclaim from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Touchmark's Cliff Lodge and Terrace Lodge were named Best Independent Living Community and received a Gold Award (the highest given) at the 2009 Best of 50+ Housing Awards.

Perched along the banks of the Deschutes River, the Touchmark community is composed of three lodges and several single-family homes. **The Terrace Lodge**, completed in 2007, offers a broad array of amenities, including a branch bank, library, bistro, greenhouse, forum, theater, art gallery, fitness area, and restaurant-style dining. Ninety lodge homes are situated throughout the building, and residential care is available for those needing assistance with daily living.

**The Cliff Lodge**, which opened just prior to the Terrace Lodge, features 70 lodge homes, similar to the **River Lodge**, which in 2005 also received the highest award from the NAHB. A 160-foot steel pedestrian bridge connects the fourth floor of the River Lodge to a pathway leading to the Cliff and Terrace lodges.

A jury panel composed of eight industry experts specializing in active-adult living evaluated nearly 200 entries. In selecting this year's winning retirement communities, NAHB jurors commented about the Cliff and Terrace lodges, "This is not only a beautiful example of regional architecture but a great community ... All aspects of the project are of high quality and finish with units maximizing views and common areas maximizing function."

LRS Architects, Inc. of Portland, Oregon, and Joseph Billig, AIA, director and vice president of Touchmark Development & Construction, designed the buildings.

"We are honored to receive this national distinction," says Billig. "We designed the lodges to blend with the beautiful natural setting and provide an ideal living environment for people."

Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village also offers Touchmark Home Services and the on-site Touchmark Rehabilitation & Balance Center. In 2008, Touchmark received an award from the Health Promotion Institute for Let Your Spirit Soar, a component of Touchmark's Life Enrichment/Wellness program. Visit [TouchmarkBend.com](http://TouchmarkBend.com) for more information.

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