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Going Bananas for the 2010 Curry Stone Award Winner



Do you design like you give a damn? Architecture for Humanity hopes you do. The non-profit

organization aimed to inspire designers this weekend (October 15 and 16) at an interactive workshop and forum, "Design Like You Give a Damn: LIVE." Held at The Center for Architecture in New York City, the event showcased innovative designs from around the world and provided one-on-one workshops to share the tools and knowledge needed for architects to become community developers and leaders.

The formal announcement and unveiling of the 2010 Curry Stone Design Prize winner and finalists kicked off the event. The Curry Stone Design Prize was created by architect Clifford Curry and his wife, H. Delight Stone, in the belief that designers can be an instrumental force for improving people's lives and the state of the world.

The winner of this year's Curry Stone Design \$100,000 prize was Sustainable Health Enterprises (SHE), which partners with networks of women in Rwanda to make and sell sanitary pads made from banana leaves. Finalists ranged bicycle-powered agricultural machines in Guatemala to "diagonal" inner city public housing in Chile.

The Curry Stone Design Prize has three main aspirations: to support the influence and reach of design as a critical force for improving lives and the state of the world, to make the talents of leading designers available to broader segments of society and to inspire the next generation of designers to harness their ingenuity and craft for social good

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