hipages takes out Smart Company's Community Hero Award
at the 11th annual Smart50 Awards

SYDNEY, 2nd November 2017 - hipages, Australia's number one online marketplace for finding trusted, local tradies, took out the Community Hero accolade at this year's Smart50 Awards hosted by SmartCompany.

Priding itself on a pledge to help the community, hipages won the Community Hero award through past extensive charitable efforts, as well as current endeavours and plans for the future. From a policy allowing employees to take two paid volunteer days each year to help the community to David Vitek, hipages CEO, participating in the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout, the company puts its philanthropic foot first when it comes to community initiatives.

David Vitek, hipages CEO, said: "We are thrilled to be awarded the Smart50 Community Hero award. We love championing community projects, and we do it because it's in the hipages DNA. It's our passion to help others where we can, and we strive to engage with our 100,000 tradies to truly make a difference to the lives of those around us".

The most recent noteworthy community project led and funded by hipages was the development of a dream cubby house for the hearing impaired children of The Shepherd Centre, in Newtown NSW. Taking inspiration from a child's drawing, hipages recruited a team of architects, builders, carpenters and painters, who donated over 250 hours of their time to build a dream cubby house, which has since been used by the speech therapists to teach the children how to listen and speak.

"The Dream Cubby was a memorable project for us. Being able to partner with volunteer tradies from our platform to bring this cubby house to life was an initiative we were so proud to drive; it's what we're all about," says Vitek.

hipages is currently sourcing new community projects and volunteer tradies across the country.

The Smart50 Community Hero award recognises businesses who demonstrate a commitment and a valuable contribution to their community - whether it be a geographical community, a social community or any other community associated with their company.

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