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Realtor Community Service Award Recipients
Caring For Our Communities

Vancouver, BC – December 19, 2005. Two-thirds of BC’s 15,000 realtors volunteer in their communities. By donating their time to a wide range of causes, realtors help improve the social and economic well-being of the communities in which they live.

Several real estate boards have established awards programs that recognize their members’ exceptional volunteer efforts. These programs also raise awareness about the organizations for which realtors volunteer. On behalf of its 12 member real estate boards, the British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) congratulates these community service award recipients on their achievements and their commitment to improving the Quality of Life of British Columbians.

“The generosity of these individuals is truly exceptional,” says BCREA President Dave Barclay. “I’m proud to belong to a profession where so many members take the time to help build better communities.”

- Kamloops and District Real Estate Association 2005 Realtors Care Award
 - Ed Barker, Re/Max Ed Barker, Kamloops
 - Twice awarded the Paul Harris Fellow for service to the Rotary Club in Kamloops
 - Helped build a health care centre at a Thailand orphanage
 - Organized volunteers to landscape a newly-built Hospice House
 - Secured home billets in Kamloops for 85 members of WorldSmart
 - Involved with his local church, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Children’s Miracle Network, the Hospital Foundation and many other worthy causes
- Fraser Valley Real Estate Board 2004 Realtors Make Good Neighbours Awards
 - Rudy Storteboom, Coldwell Banker 1st Pioneer, Langley
 - Volunteers on City of Langley committees
 - Heads the Langley Merchants’ Association
 - Organized an outdoor Jazz & Blues Music Festival
 - Christine Caldwell, Landmark Realty, Abbotsford
 - Member of the Abbotsford Arts Council
 - Provided input that led to the City of Abbotsford adopting a Master Heritage and Culture Plan

- Heather Wooley, Sutton Group, White Rock
 - Former president and current director of the Kiwanis Club of White Rock
 - Dedicated to activities geared toward youth and seniors
 - A founder of the Kiwanis Fraser Valley Music Festival for more than 4,000 children
- Ken Cowie, Re/Max 2000 Realty, Surrey
 - 2004 John Armeneau Professional of the Year recipient for outstanding leadership in the real estate profession and personal contribution in community service
 - “Once in a Lifetime” Realtors Make Good Neighbours award recipient for donating a kidney to a fellow realtor
- Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver—2004 Realtors Care Awards
 - Lisa Ames, The Whistler Real Estate Co. Ltd, Whistler/Squamish Div.
 - Involved in numerous fundraising efforts in the Pemberton area, including organizing a golf tournament, selling a variety of baked goods and spearheading a grant for a new local daycare building
 - Patti Goss, Re/Max Advantage Realty, Burnaby/New West/Tri-Cities Div.
 - Involved with the New Westminster Hyack Festival Association, the Seniors’ Bureau Meals on Wheels program, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon, the Kidney Foundation of Canada, the Canadian Cancer Society and the Rotary Club of New Westminister
 - Helen Ferris, Coldwell Banker Tri-Tel Realty, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Div.
 - Helps organize charitable events and fundraisers, including the design and setup of the “Ghost Ridge” haunted house, which raised \$22,000 and 2,080 pounds of food for charity
- Victoria Real Estate Board—2005 Charitable Realtor of the Year Award
 - Marilyn Cann, DFH Real Estate, Victoria
 - Provided food and presents to needy families during the holidays for 30 years through CFAX 1070 Santas Anonymous program
 - Founding director of the Victoria Christmas Bureau
 - Manages a program that donates teddy bears to children experiencing traumatic conditions

BCREA represents 12 member real estate boards and their more than 15,000 realtors on all provincial issues, providing an extensive communications network, standard forms, government relations, required post-licensing courses and continuing education. To demonstrate the profession’s commitment to improving Quality of Life in BC communities, BCREA supports growth that encourages economic vitality, provides housing opportunities and builds communities with good schools and safe neighbourhoods. Visit www.qualityoflife.bcrea.bc.ca for details.

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