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VIREB Announces REALTOR® Awards Recipients

NANAIMO, BC – At a Gala Celebration held on February 25, 2010 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) announced its 2009 REALTORS® Care and REALTOR® of the Year recipients.

These awards are among the highest honour VIREB can bestow on its members. They are presented to individuals whose dedication to excellence has had a profound influence on the professional image of Vancouver Island REALTORS® as well as on the quality of life in the communities they serve.

John Tillie, Re/MAX of Duncan, has been named VIREB's 2009 REALTOR® of the Year.

Tillie was chosen as REALTOR® of the Year for his significant contributions to the real estate profession. He served on VIREB's Board of Directors from 1999 – 2002 holding numerous portfolios and was its 2001 President. He has been on the Board of Directors of the British Columbia Real Estate Association since 2002 and was elected as its President in 2009.

He has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, cooperation and support for his peers, and has made a broad impact that benefits all of the industry, while being involved in his community.

The REALTORS® Care Awards were presented to REALTORS® within each of the 6 geographical zones within the VIREB region from the Malahat to the North Island, for their personal leadership and service to their communities.

This year's winners were;

- Reg Eaton of Royal LePage Advance Realty in Campbell River
- Rick Gibson of Royal LePage in the Comox Valley
- Jan Christenson of Royal LePage in Ladysmith
- Glynis Hayes of Coast Realty Nanaimo
- Dan Jack of Sutton Group – Whitecap Realty in Parksville
- Frances Kimura of Sutton Group – West Coast Realty in Port Alberni.

Here are some of the contributions made by the REALTORS® Care nominees:

- They have been involved in the Relay for Life for four years, and helped organize the Shed Head Competition, where companies build garden sheds and auction them off to raise money for the Head Injuries Support Group.
- They have organized the very popular Snow to Surf Race since its beginning 25 years ago, and have also organized the Annual Tri-K Race for even longer.
- They have volunteered on school parent committees and on a number of team sport associations, as well as volunteering for Cops for Cancer, the Ladysmith Festival of Lights, and Habitat for Humanity.
- They have served as President of the Rotary Club, and been involved in the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Port Theatre Society, Kidney Foundation and Harbour City Probus.
- They have served as a director on the community owned Parksville General Junior B Hockey club, which helps develop hockey players into responsible young men who contribute greatly to their communities.
- And they're also involved in the Children's Hospital Foundation, Port Alberni SPCA, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Association for Community Living, Special Olympics, Bread of Life Hospice and Salvation Army MS Infant Development Outreach.

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