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Local Realtors Awarded Prestigious Community Award

(Kelowna), B.C. – Dec 20th, 2017. The Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board (OMREB) recently honoured four Realtors for their abiding commitment to charitable and community causes in each of the three regional areas served by OMREB.

“One of the highest honours OMREB can bestow on its members, the annual REALTORS Care Award, now in its 12th year, is presented to individuals whose dedication to excellence has had a profound impact on the quality of life in the communities they serve,” says Tanis Read, President of the Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board (OMREB).

2017 REALTORS Care Award recipients are Rob McKibbon in the Shuswap/Revelstoke Zone (Salmon Arm to Revelstoke), Darcy Griffiths and Denise Dobie in the North Zone (Predator Ridge to Enderby) and Michael Bate in the Central Zone (Peachland to Lake Country).

2016 REALTORS Care award recipients included Bev Iglesias (Shuswap/Revelstoke Zone), Howard Neufeld (North Zone) and Brent Pay (Central Zone).

Rob McKibbon’s contributions include Rotary Club, youth mentoring and raising funds for a Kenyan school lunch program. Darcy Griffith’s contributions include significant fund-raising for the Vernon Women’s Transition House despite a cancer diagnosis and Denise Dobie’s contributions, among others, include hosting a benefit dinner for the North Okanagan Hospice Society and 12 years of creating gift baskets for the Children’s Christmas Workshop. Michael Bate’s contributions include Rotary Club and working to maintain environmental trails through the Walk Around Lake Country (WALC) Community and Lake Country Hiking Club.

“This year’s REALTORS Care award recipients are exceptional individuals, worthy of recognition for the outstanding charitable work they have done and continue to do in their respective communities,” says Read, adding that recipients are chosen by a group of their peers within each of the three regions OMREB serves.

To be eligible for the REALTORS Care Award, candidates must be active members of OMREB who have made a noteworthy contribution that broadly benefits a community organization, which can be a society, sports team, charity, town or district society, or other organization dedicated to benefiting the community.

Annually, worthy candidates are nominated by members of the public and/or their Realtor colleagues.



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