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GREATER ROCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® HONOR AWARD WINNERS

ROCHESTER, NY – November 9, 2009 – The Greater Rochester Association of REALTORS® (GRAR), together with the Women’s Council of REALTORS® (WCR), gathered to pay tribute to the local real estate industry’s top producers at the Leadership and Awards Celebration of Excellence gala held on November 6, at the Riverside Convention Center. More than 480 people attended the festivities sponsored by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

GRAR recognized its 180 members who received awards in the Sales Master, Sales Master Gold, and Sales Master Platinum Award categories. In addition, several individuals received special award honors. Annie Carroll of Acosta Valuation Solutions and a Penfield resident received the WCR Affiliate of the Year Award and Cindy Moriarty of Rochester and a REALTOR with Keller Williams Realty was honored as the WCR Member of the Year. GRAR’s top awards of distinction were presented to Rochester residents Gordon D. Hubbell as the recipient of the Honor Society Award and Margret Roberts of RE/MAX First as REALTOR® of the Year. Both awards are given in recognition to those that demonstrate a commitment to the mission of the GRAR and to the advancement of the real estate profession.

As a special presentation, NeighborWorks® Rochester honored three GRAR members with an award that recognized the top three REALTORS® who sold the most owner-occupied properties to first-time homebuyers within the city of Rochester. They included: Linda Wilson and Samantha Sharkey, both from Rochester and REALTORS® with Nothnagle REALTORS and Kelley Chapman, a licensed REALTOR® and director of real estate and sales for the Community Association Northeast Area Development. Chapman lives in Spencerport. Cindy B-Rosato of Penn Yan and a REALTOR® with RE/MAX First was presented with the 2009 REALTOR® Magazine Good Neighbor Certificate of Appreciation issued by the National Association of REALTORS® to individuals who display outstanding dedication to community service. B-Rosato was nominated by NeighborWorks® Rochester in recognition for her on-going volunteer efforts with the Healthy Block Initiative through the REALTOR® Charitable Foundation, which serves as the philanthropic arm of GRAR.

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