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**Bill Taplay Named 2018 REALTORS® Care
Award Recipient for the Woodstock and Ingessoll & District Real Estate Board**

Woodstock, Ontario – Recognized for giving back to his community, Bill Taplay of Century 21 Heritage House (Woodstock) is the 2018 recipient of the REALTORS® Care Award for the Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board (WIDREB).

Many REALTORS® give their time, money and expertise, and this is the fourth year WIDREB has recognized the exemplary volunteer efforts of its member REALTORS® in the Woodstock-Ingersoll area. The announcement was made at the WIDREB annual Christmas celebration on December 5th, 2018.

“Bill Taplay is a very worthy recipient of this award,” notes WIDREB President and working REALTOR® William Cattle. “His diligent and ongoing support for bettering the lives of individuals the community of Woodstock and area exemplifies those REALTORS® who have made long-term contributions to the communities in which they live. They help to promote public awareness that REALTORS® are committed to their communities and care deeply enough to be actively involved.”

Bill is recognized for tirelessly donating his time and energy not only to our association, but to our Real Estate Industry and to several charitable causes, local clubs, committees and events.



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Bill has been a member of WIDREB for 29 years, and in those years has sat on many committees with in our board as well as the Board of Directors. He sat on the Board of Directors for 12 years, 3 of which he served as president for the Board.

For many years, Bill has dedicated his time and been an active volunteer on committees of the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA). He sat on Professional Standards Advisory Committee, Legal Resource Committee, Communication Committee, and OREA Arbitration & Ethics Committee 2006-2016. He also volunteered with the Real Estate Council of Ontario (RECO), sitting on Complaints, Compliance & Discipline and Discipline & Appeals Committee from 2001 to 2018.

Bill is also recognized for his community involvement as well. Here is some of the amazing work he is currently involved in:

- Vice-President for the Innerkip Seniors Apartments (Board member since 2010)
- Salvation Army Kettle Participant during Christmas Season.
- Currently the Past-President of the Oxford Children's Aid Society Board of Directors.
 - Oxford CAS was the very first Children's Aid Society to receive a Grant from the REALTORS Care Foundation - with Bill being a driving force for nominating the organization for consideration (a first for WIDREB)
 - Bill volunteers at minimum 8-10 hours per month as a volunteer board member, who are responsible for providing the necessary good governance to operate the Agency.
 - Active participant of the Children's Aid Society "Cribs for Kids" campaign. Instrumental in making Century 21 Heritage House Ltd. Their biggest contributor for this program.
- Bill is an active member and Past-President of the Innerkip & District Lions Club for 17 years
 - Chair of Sights First Committee, his personal garage is a local depot for used eye glasses destined for third world countries. In 2018 alone, they have sent approximately 12,000 pairs of refurbished glasses and lenses all over the world to people in need.
 - The organization has donated to the following causes both locally and globally in 2017, but not limited to:
 - Alzheimer's Society
 - Multiple Sclerosis





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- Easter Seals Ontario
- Diabetes Awareness
- Lions Dog Guide Foundation
- Effective Speaking for Youth
- Lions Quests, youth
- Youth Exchange with other Countries
- Several community and youth programs at the local level
- The impact of the Lions Club on the community is staggering; the community centre built, three playgrounds, sponsoring student travel, the list goes on!

As you can see this member is very deserving of this award for all the volunteering they do for the real estate industry and the community.

These are just some of the highlights of Bill's volunteerism for more than 29 years. He is a strong, caring and dedicated individual, who cares about his family and community and surrounding communities in which he lives. He is well deserving of this honour.

"Congratulations to this year's REALTOR® Care Award recipient and to all 2018 nominees for being good public citizens, and truly caring about their local and global communities," says William Cattle, President of the Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board. "It is amazing to see the diverse ways our REALTORS® give back, the leadership they take and the good example they set for others. Their community spirit remains undeterred."

The Woodstock-Ingersoll and District Real Estate Board covers Woodstock, Ingersoll and surrounding areas of Oxford County. WIDREB is comprised of 172 REALTORS® and 15 real estate brokerages in south-western Ontario.



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CAPTION:

In recognition generously of giving back to his community, Bill Taplay of Century 21 Heritage House (Woodstock) has been named recipient of the 2018 REALTORS® Care Award for the Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board.



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