



### **TED SCHARF RECEIVES VOLUNTEER AWARD**

KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ON (January 22, 2016) -- [Ted Scharf](#), a member of the Kitchener-Waterloo Association of REALTORS® (KWAR) and Broker/Owner of Royal LePage Scharf Realty was presented with the KWAR Volunteer Award on Friday, January 22, 2016 at the association's Member Appreciation Night.

The KWAR Volunteer Award commemorates the vital contribution of volunteers within the Association and honours their significant efforts, without which, the Association would not exist. The award is given to an individual who has demonstrated commitment and dedication as an Association volunteer and who has also made significant impact on their community through various volunteering efforts.

"With the amount of time Ted has given to the community and through so many organizations it is hard to believe he found any time give back to his profession as a REALTOR®," said KWAR Executive Officer Bill Duce, "He has generously shared his time, energy and talents, serving on numerous committees of the KWAR over the years, the Board of Directors from 2005-2011, and as president in 2010."

A REALTOR® since 1980, Scharf founded Scharf Realty in 1989 and joined Royal LePage in 1999.

Scharf is a dedicated volunteer within the community, and is perhaps best recognized for his affiliation with the Kitchener Rangers. He has the distinction of being the longest serving President of the Kitchener Rangers (9 years as President) and is still very active with the organization serving on the Executive Committee.

Beyond the boardroom, Scharf is not afraid to roll up his sleeves. He has personally delivered meals to seniors and adults with disabilities through Meals on Wheels (now known as Community Support Connections) for over 25 years. His volunteerism has also extended to KWAR initiatives such as participating in the association's Adopt-a-Road clean-ups, Toy Drives, and more.

A former professional hockey player himself, Scharf is a true champion of sport. He has promoted wheelchair hockey, spearheaded the Kitchener Ranger scholarship program, introduced baseline testing for monitoring concussions to protect hockey players, supported the Kitchener Sports Association, and coached track and field at Sir John A MacDonald High School.

Other charitable involvements include work for Heart and Stroke, and the Independent Living Centre. He is the Past President of the Stanley Park Optimist Club, and Cub leader for 16<sup>th</sup> Waterloo Cub Pack.

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