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**Recipient of the 2009 Charles D. Tandy Commercial Realtor Award is named**

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FORT WORTH – Jan. 19, 2010 – The Society of Commercial Realtors presented its 2009 Charles D. Tandy Commercial Realtor Award to Mark Howe, partner of Howe / Wood & Company, at the 2010 SCR Installation of Officers and Governors held Jan. 14 at the Marquis on Magnolia.

The Charles D. Tandy Award was established to recognize commercial Realtors who best exemplify the highest in professional standards. Named in honor of Charles Tandy for his outstanding leadership and his legacy of investing in and contributing to the Fort Worth community, the Charles D. Tandy Award was first awarded in 1990 to William C. Jennings, Sr., of the William C. Jennings Company.

“Integrity, leadership and outstanding character are really what this award is about, and no one exemplifies those qualities better than Mark Howe,” said 2010 SCR Chairman Ron Rainey.

With over 25 years of commercial real estate experience, Howe specializes in the brokerage of land and developing residential property throughout Tarrant County. He co-founded Howe / Wood & Company in 1988. Prior to that, he spent four years in the commercial mortgage business in Fort Worth at which time he also was involved in commercial development. Currently, Howe is involved as chairman of the SPRC Committee at First United Methodist Church in Grapevine and is a member of the Foundation Team. Howe served as chair of the Society of Commercial Realtors in 2007 and has served on the Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation in the past.

Bill Thornton, CEO of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, presented the Charles D. Tandy Award to Howe after the installment of the 2010 SCR officers and governors. Officers for 2010 include: Ron Rainey with Sperry Van Ness as chairman, Phil Sandlin with Holt Lunsford Commercial as vice chairman, Trevor Dyck with Sperry Van Ness as secretary / treasurer and Donnie Sherwood with Integra Realty Resources as immediate past chairman.

Governors for 2010 include: David Aldrich with William C. Jennings Company, Jerry Barton with Jerry Barton Company, Kelly Brechel with Integra Realty Resources, Nell Council with SCM Real Estate Services, Gene Jolley with Gene Jolley Company, Mark Sullivan with Ritter and Associates and Tyler Trahan with MINKERTrahan & Associates.

Past recipients of the Charles D. Tandy Commercial Realtor Award include: William C. Jennings in 1990; Jerry Alexander, SIOR, in 1991; Byron Searcy, MAI, CRE, in 1992; Jim Parr in 1993; Larry M. Rice, SMC, in 1994; Jay Bruner in 1995; Vic Tinsley in 1996; John H. Maddux, CCIM, in 1997; Ben Loughry, MAI, in 1999; Jim Austin in 2001; Doug Jennings in 2002; Mark Wood in 2003; William Stonaker, CCIM, SEC, in 2004; Richard D. Minker, CCIM, in 2005; Janet Powers, CCIM, CPM, CSM, in 2006; Jim Makens in 2007 and Steve Fithian in 2008.

In addition to the presentation of the 2009 Charles D. Tandy Commercial Realtor Award, SCR also presented its 2009 scholarship fund to six deserving students: Brittney D'nee Bell, Bianca Camacho Bissey, Nicholas Frank LaGrassa, Travoy McCarver, Erica Holland Pace and Magan Vashisht.

The SCR scholarship fund is designed as a means for SCR to give back to the community by providing financial assistance to the students in the area. The recipients of the 2009 SCR scholarship fund were honored as David Aldrich, 2009 SCR scholarship chairman, and Janet Powers, founder of the scholarship fund, presented \$1,200 to each of the six recipients.

“From my perspective as a commercial real estate professional,” Powers said, “What we, as a community, do today will affect how we live tomorrow. Education is the key to a better tomorrow, and I know that these small scholarship investments will reap significant returns to the future and vitality of Fort Worth.”

SCR is an organization of commercial real estate professionals that operates independently and under the auspices of the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors. The mission is to advance knowledge, education, integrity and professional conduct in the fields of commercial and investment real estate, as well as encourage the exchange of specialized information and advance the economic growth of Tarrant County. For more information about SCR, visit [www.scr-fw.org](http://www.scr-fw.org).

Approximately 2,300 members strong, the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors serves the real estate community within the Fort Worth area and is one of more than 1,400 local associations nationwide that comprise the National Association of Realtors. As the nation's largest trade association, NAR is “The Voice for Real Estate,” working on behalf of America's property owners and representing over one million members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry. All Realtors are members of NAR and answer to a higher level of ethical and professional standards. For more information, visit the GFWAR Web site at [www.gfwar.org](http://www.gfwar.org).