



News Release

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Ten North Idaho REALTORS® honored for helping homeowners

Ten North Idaho REALTORS® will be honored for connecting homebuyers to affordable home loans through Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). In the past two years, they and other REALTORS® in the area have helped 195 homebuyers purchase homes with Idaho Housing Home Loans worth more than \$28 million.

Tina Hood (Gold Award), of Century 21 Beutler & Associates; Jan Leaf (Silver), of Coldwell Banker Schneidmiller Realty; and Bill Noordam (Bronze), of Century 21 Beutler & Associates; represented the most North Idaho homebuyers who purchased homes using Idaho Housing's Home Loan program. They will be among the 75 REALTORS® and Mountain West Bank, IHFA's top lending partner in the area, honored at the biennial Saluting Top Area REALTORS® (STAR) awards luncheon on Feb. 20 in Hayden Lake.

"By reducing borrowing costs and removing barriers such as lack of down payment, IHFA has worked with REALTORS® to help 11,000 families in North Idaho attain affordable homes in the past 40 years," IHFA Vice President of Homeownership Lending Susan Semba said. "We're proud that we've been able to invest almost a \$1 billion in the area."

IHFA provides affordable mortgage financing to creditworthy Idahoans with low to moderate incomes. To date, the organization has invested \$6.5 billion to help more than 80,000 families around the state. Learn more about Idaho Housing Home Loans at www.idahohousing.com.

About the winners:

Tina Hood of Century 21 Beutler & Associates has been a REALTOR® for almost 20 years. She was on the FlexMLS board from 2006 to 2010, serving as president in 2009. "Even during the down economy, Idaho Housing administered some stimulus programs that really assisted my clients," she said.

Jan Leaf of Coldwell Banker Schneidmiller Realty has been a REALTOR® since 2004. She's won several national awards from Coldwell Banker, most recently the President's Circle and Mentor of the Year.

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Bill Noordam of Century 21 Beutler & Associates has been awarded the Century 21 Centurion Award each of the seven years he's been a REALTOR®. He primarily works with first-time homebuyers. "The programs Idaho Housing offers have helped my clients get into homes sometimes quicker than they would have been able to with other programs," he said.

Certificates of appreciation: Josh Adams, Keller Williams Realty; Shawn Aldrich, Century 21 Beutler & Associates; Cynthia Bilstad, Coldwell Banker Tomlinson Realty; Patricia Lozano, Windermere Real Estate; David Noordam, Century 21 Beutler & Associates; Becky Randles, Coldwell Banker Tomlinson Realty; and Chad Salsbury, Windermere Coeur d'Alene Realty, Inc.

Top loan originators: Sandra Wach, Your Equity Source, LLC; Sharon Greer, Mountain West Bank; and Mel Wach, Your Equity Source, LLC.

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[Idaho Housing and Finance Association](http://www.ihfa.org), a financial services and housing business organization, improves lives and strengthens Idaho communities by expanding housing opportunities, building self-sufficiency, and fostering economic development.

Eds. Headshots of the winners are available by emailing jasonl@ihfa.org.