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Local REALTORS® wrap up 2012

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® held its 2012 Annual General Meeting today at the London Convention Centre. Representing the Canadian Real Estate Association were its 2013 President Laura Leyser, Gerry Weir, Regional Director and Mike Carson, Director-at-large. Representing the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) were its President-Elect Costa Poulopoulos and Western Area Director Anna Vozza. The Real Estate Council of Ontario was represented by Tom Wright, President/CEO, Joe Richer, Registrar, and Peter Hoffman, Director, while Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation was represented by Joelle Jackson, Judy Binder and Sue Dinchick.

Other special guests included **Paul King**, Ford Keast, Chartered Accountant, the London Home Builders Association's President **Toby Stollee** and its Executive Officer **Lois Langdon**, and the London Property Management Association's 1st Vice-President **Emma Sims**, and Administrator **Brenda Davidson**.

LSTAR Bonspiel Committee Chair **Glen Gordon** was on hand to present Mission Services of London's Director of Fundraising, Erika Ronson, with a cheque for \$13,180. Including this cheque, the total raised by LSTAR for Mission Services since 1992 stands at \$283,686.

This presentation was followed by one by **Andrew Wilkie**, Chair of the Association's Christmas Gala Committee, who presented a cheque for \$20,562.47 raised by last year's Gala to the Unity Project's President **Silvia Langer** and its General Manager **Chuck Lazenby**. To date, including REALTOR Care Grants, LSTAR has donated \$106,671.67 to the Unity Project.

A special presentation was made to Betty Doré, LSTAR's Executive Vice-President, in recognition of her thirty-five years of service to the Association.

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) is one of Canada's fifteen largest real estate associations, representing over 1,500 REALTORS® working in Middlesex and Elgin Counties, a trading area of 500,000 residents. LSTAR adheres to a Quality of Life philosophy, supporting growth that fosters economic vitality, provides housing opportunities, respects the environment and builds good communities and safe neighbourhoods and is a proud participant in the REALTORS Care Foundation's Every REALTOR™ Campaign.