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LSTAR wins provincial *Quality of Life* Award

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The Board of Directors of the London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) are pleased to announce that LSTAR has won the 2012 Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) *Quality of Life* Award. Like other Ontario real estate association/boards, 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. The award goes to the Association that has most actively worked over the course of a year to improve the *Quality of Life* in its community.

Some of the initiatives for which LSTAR was recognized include:

- The *Home at Last* Affordable Homeownership Partnership, with Partners City of London and CMHC;
- The expansion of Youth Opportunities Unlimited's kitchen prep area and equipment purchase;
- Ongoing support of homeless and women's shelters;
- Support for the London Homeless Memorial;
- Advocacy around Industrial Wind Turbine issues;
- Realty Watch, a community policing program.

"Quality of Life is always first and foremost for us at LSTAR," says Doug Pedlar, 2013 LSTAR President. "We take it very seriously, which makes this award all the more meaningful to us."

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) is one of Canada's fifteen largest real estate associations, representing 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. As members of the Canadian Real Estate Association, LSTAR members may use the REALTOR® trademark, which identifies them as real estate professionals who subscribe to a strict code of ethics. The Association operates the local Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) and provides ongoing professional education courses for its members.

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