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FOUR INSPIRATIONAL BRITISH COLUMBIAN SENIORS RECOGNIZED

VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA – Four outstanding seniors who serve as inspirations in their communities were honoured today at the third annual Leisure Care Lighthouse Awards luncheon hosted by David Podmore, President & CEO of Concert Properties Ltd.

B.C.'s third annual Lighthouse Awards are organized The O'Keefe Retirement Community in partnership with Concert, the Province of British Columbia's Ministry of Health and Ministry of Community Services, BC Housing, Vancouver, Coastal Health, and The Vancouver Sun. The Lighthouse Awards began several years ago in the United States by Leisure Care Retirement Communities, a Seattle based company.

"All too often hidden heroes in our community go unnoticed for the impact they make and the many ways in which they change the world we live in", said David Podmore, President & CEO, Concert Properties. "It is concert's honour to once again sponsor these annual Lighthouse Awards as we celebrate seniors as important contributors and inspirations to us and our future generations".

The awards recognize seniors in four categories. The Shining Light Award was presented to 82-year-old Sister Elizabeth Kelliher, who has spent a lifetime in service to those less fortunate. The Philanthropy Award was awarded to community activist Dr. Raghbir Bains, who has a long history of volunteer work. The Wisdom of Age Mentorship Award was won by Aya Higashi for her many years as a dedicated teacher. The Picture of Health Award was presented to Edna Lee, who leads Chi Kung classes for her neighbours.

This year's judges were Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services and Minister responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues; Shayne Ramsay, CEO, BC Housing; John Sproule, Vice President of Strategic Planning and Community Engagement, Vancouver Coastal Health, Lizette Parsons Bell, Director, Corporate & Community Relations, Concert Properties Ltd., and Mike Rutigliano, Vice-President of Classifieds, CanWest Mediaworks Publications Inc.

"The finalist for this year's Lighthouse Awards are all true leaders in their communities and they are all deserving of our recognition and appreciation," said Mr. Podmore. "They serve as inspirations and demonstrate how seniors today are continuing to contribute to society well into their retirement years."

About The O'Keefe Retirement Community

Located on the former site of the Carling O'Keefe brewery in Vancouver's west side, The O'Keefe offers a lifestyle designed to promote wellness, elegance and fun with values that are founded on professionalism, integrity and respect.

Owned by Concert Properties, The O'Keefe is Concert's first retirement community and earned the 2003 Grand SAM Award from the Canadian Home Builder's Association, recognizing outstanding performance in both the building and marketing of a single project.

The O'Keefe is managed by Leisure Care Retirement Communities – one of the largest privately-owned retirement and assisted living operators with an outstanding reputation for providing quality and innovative senior services. Leisure Care has been providing seniors housing for almost 30 years and is committed to providing an independent lifestyle for seniors in a community setting infused with “Five Star Fun.” www.theokeefe.com

About Concert Properties

Concert is an award-winning diversified real estate enterprise involved in developing and acquiring commercial and industrial properties, rental housing, multi-family condominium housing, seniors living communities, and resort developments in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. Concert was named in BC Business Magazine's Top 25 Best Companies to Work for in British Columbia (2006) and in Canadian Business Magazine as one of the “Best Workplaces in Canada” for 2007. www.ConcertProperties.com

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Backgrounder of the 2007 Lighthouse recipients attached.

BACKGROUND

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2007 LEISURE CARE LIGHTHOUSE AWARDS

The Lighthouse Awards recognize British Columbia adults ages 62 and over who have made a difference in their communities through volunteer service or by serving as an inspiration and role model for others.

The Lighthouse Awards were started several years ago in the United States by Leisure Care Retirement Communities, a company based in Seattle. This is the third year that the awards have been held at The O'Keefe Retirement Community in Vancouver.

2007 Lighthouse Recipients

- ***Shining Light Award***, which recognizes an individual or group for outstanding volunteer service to the community and/or advocacy on behalf of seniors, was won by Sister Elizabeth Kelliher. At 82, Sister Elizabeth still works tirelessly in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, feeding and working with the homeless. She has spent a lifetime in service to the poor, with extensive involvement in early childhood education and daycare.
- ***Philanthropy Award***, which recognizes an individual or group who has/have demonstrated a concern for humanity by providing significant financial resources and personal time, was won by Dr. Raghbir Bains. Dr. Bains immigrated to Canada in 1990 and now makes his home in Surrey. He works tirelessly as a volunteer, community activist and educator for many organizations to promote cultural understanding and mutual respect between the Indo-Canadian and other communities in B.C.
- ***Wisdom of Age Mentorship Award***, which recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to making a difference in the lives of children, was won by Aya Higashi. Aya has lived in the community of Kaslo ever since she and her family were sent to an internment camp there for Japanese-Canadians during World War 2. She was recruited to teach at the camp when she was only 20 and continued on as much-loved teacher in the Kootenays for over 35 years.
- ***Picture of Health Award***, which recognizes exemplary commitment to good health and fitness as an older adult, was won by Edna Lee of Vancouver. Edna created a popular Chi Kung class when she moved into her retirement community four years ago, teaching fellow seniors about this ancient Chinese system of energy cultivation. She leads the program three times a week and adapts it to meet the special needs of participants, some of whom have arthritis, osteoporosis or macular degeneration.

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