

KOVARIK HONORED AS REALTOR® OF THE YEAR

Darlene Kovarik, CRS, GRI, Broker/Partner for Century 21 Home Team Realty in Scottsbluff, NE was honored as the 2009 Nebraska REALTOR® of the Year during the Nebraska REALTORS® Association Convention and Exhibition, April 27-29. The Nebraska REALTOR® of the Year is the highest honor awarded by the Nebraska REALTORS® Association, and is given to a member who exemplifies service not only to the association, but to the community and the real estate industry at large.

Kovarik has served on various committees at the state level for the Nebraska REALTORS® Association including previously serving on the Board of Directors as the Western Region Director from 2006-2007. She currently serves on the Regulatory Liaison Committee, Governmental Affairs Committee, Regional Professional Standards Committee, John Gale Advisory Board, Senator Contact Team and is a Nebraska District Vice President for CRS (Certified Residential Specialist). At the national level, Darlene serves as a Federal Political Coordinator.

At the local level, Kovarik serves on the Board of Directors, the REALTOR® Political Action Committee, Governmental Affairs, By-Laws and Membership Committees for the Scotts Bluff County Board of REALTORS®. She has previously served at the local level as the President, Vice President, Secretary and Executive Officer. She was just selected as the REALTOR® of the Year for the Scotts Bluff County Board of REALTORS® and has held this honor two times previously. Additionally, Darlene has received her Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation; the highest designation awarded to sales associates in the residential sales field, and has her Graduate REALTOR® Institute designation (GRI), the mark of a real estate professional who has made the commitment to provide a high level of professional services by securing a strong educational foundation.

Darlene resides in Gering, Nebraska with her husband Lee. She has 2 sons, Lee has 2 sons and they have 4 grandchildren.

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