

Beattie Memorial recognizes Shane Homes

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Sure, they build a few hundred houses each year, but Shane Homes isn't just a builder.

They're a contributor to causes large and small, a supporter of community events and a company that donates thousands of dollars and man hours to various causes throughout Calgary and area, which has garnered them the first CHBA-Calgary Region Bill Beattie Memorial Award.

Presented to a member company that's enhanced the industry through contributions to the community at large, this award is truly an honour, says Shane Homes president Cal Wenzel.

"Bill was a really good friend, so to be the initial recipient was an unbelievable honour," he says.

"I couldn't have been more honoured — the only thing that could have made it better is if Bill had been there."

And it's that compassionate mindset that drives Shane Homes' staff to lend a hand wherever it's needed — in Chestermere, the town's first library was made possible with a hefty donation from the builder, while in Airdrie and Okotoks, residents can now enjoy recreation centres built with the help of Shane's donations.

However, that's not all.

The builder has also recently partnered with the Calgary Minor Soccer Association, and only weeks

ago opened their 52nd and 53rd Kinsmen Children's Hospital Home Lotto homes, which have helped raise more than \$18 million for the kids.

"We do attempt to support the community in a number of different ways," Wenzel says.

"We actually have funds set up for a number of different things we get involved in, and I like to think that over the years we've given back

to the communities that give so much to us."

That's why the award was bestowed upon the company, says CHBA-Calgary Region's Val Veldhuyzen.

"The first company to receive this award is truly deserving of the accolades," she says.

"They support Calgary Minor Soccer, Kinsmen Children's Hospital Home Lotto for 15 years, partnership with Ernest Manning High School, Airdrie's East Lake Recreation and Wellness Center, Okotoks Recreation Centre, Chestermere Library, Sprinkbank Park for All Seasons, Willow Park Charity Golf Classic, Center for Excellence, Habitat for Humanity, and Calgary Home Builders Foundation.

"They have contributed millions of dollars in both cash and manpower to all of these organizations."

But, adds Wenzel, it's all part of the job when the focus is on building communities, one home, and one contribution, at a time.

"Take Chestermere," he says.

"They didn't have a library, so we donated something there to finally bring that to fruition, and they were excited about it, and we feel really good about it, too."



Pictured above from left, Brad Cuthbertson, general manager Beattie Homes, congratulates Cal Wenzel, president and CEO Shane Homes and Shane Wenzel, senior vice-president sales and marketing Shane Homes, along with Doug Shergill, president CHBA Calgary Region and president Prominent Homes, on being named the first recipient of the Bill Beattie Memorial Award for community service. Beattie, founder of Beattie Homes, lost his battle with cancer in May.



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