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CREB® Charitable Foundation swears in new board by [Amber Craig](#)

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After 2008 proved to be a year of successful donor and dollar aid for the Calgary Real Estate Board (CREB®) Charitable Foundation, 2009 is sure to imitate.



With a new year comes new opportunities--armed with veteran experience on the foundation's board of governors, along with some new faces--they hope to conquer all they achieved last year and more.

Last year boasted many successes, such as the Charitable Foundation giving out \$60,000 in grants to the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, Inn From the Cold and Children's Cottage Society.

They also officially wrapped up a major affordable housing project in the Millican-Ogden area--Crestwood.

Last year's president of the Charitable Foundation, Dave Hiley, says the Crestwood project has certainly been the highlight of his work with the group to date.

Hiley started with the Charitable Foundation back in 2005, and once again returns on the board of governors, this year as past president.

"In 2009, my goal with the foundation is to work on some administrative projects such as bylaw revision as well as work with the other governors on fundraising projects like the Home and Garden Show and another casino in the fall," says Hiley.

Rita Shannon has officially taken over the reigns as president of the Charitable Foundation, replacing Hiley, who successfully completed his one-year tenure. Shannon has 26 years of real estate experience under her belt, and is no stranger to what the foundation is all about--she also served on the board of governors last year.

"Supporting Calgary shelters and housing projects, offering my volunteer time and leadership in giving back to the real estate industry just makes sense to me," explains Shannon.

This year, Shannon says the Charitable Foundation will be reinventing itself; and in addition to hosting their annual fundraising events, hope to investigate some new major projects also.

The annual fundraisers that will take place this year include the golf tournament, casino and Home and Garden Show.

The board hopes to build on the 22-year stellar reputation the Charitable Foundation already has.

"In 2009, I hope to help build a high performance board of governors with the CREB® Charitable Foundation," says Shannon. "And to create an understanding with the Calgary community on the 'REALTORS® Care' philosophy; so that those REALTORS® who serve their communities are recognized, supported and celebrated."

The 2009 Charitable Foundation president and Board of Governors, were officially sworn in on Jan. 21 at the CREB® Forecast Conference.

Returning to the Charitable Foundation board of governors along with Shannon, are Hiley, Jow Howlett, Bonnie Eckhard, Lynn Greig, Margaret Hamilton and Joni Winter. Joining the ranks are Tessa Corley-Rae, Anne McCracken and Tom Scott.

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