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RE/MAX Sunset Realty & Vacations Named Business of the Year

Sunriver, Ore. – RE/MAX Sunset Realty & Vacations was officially named business of the year for 2007 at the Sunriver Chamber Annual Dinner and Auction on Friday, March 7th, 2008. This honor was presented in recognition of their contributions to the community of Sunriver, the lodging industry and their involvement in local charities. David Lewis, the current president of the Sunriver Chamber of Commerce, announced at the dinner “The Business of the Year Award is reserved for a business member of the Sunriver Chamber that has furthered the interests of and provided leadership to our local business community and the Sunriver community as a whole. The recipient of the 2007 award has been a staunch supporter of our Sunriver community for nearly a decade. This is a business with a very generous heart and a sincere concern for the future of our Sunriver Community.”

Scott Pence, the owner of RE/MAX Sunset Realty & Vacations, who served on the chamber board from 2002 through 2007 and was the Sunriver Chamber president in 2005, was also given recognition for “Distinguished Service” at the event.

Local charity and community involvement is something that RE/MAX Sunset Realty & Vacations truly prides itself on. RE/MAX Sunset Realty and Vacations started a charity auction and golf tournament years ago that is now called the RE/MAX Offices of Central Oregon Wing Ding Gala and Golf Classic. This annual event has raised nearly \$300,000 in the last five years for the Sparrow Clubs USA. Furthermore, they have actively sponsored the La Pine High School Sparrow Club for the last four years while supporting other local organizations like Habitat for Humanity, New Generations—a local non-profit day care facility in Sunriver—and many other charitable events focused on helping children and families. “We like to be involved with the community and give back whenever we can. We tend to focus on organizations helping children because children are the future of our communities and our nation. The more we can help them, the better chances they will have in life”, states Scott Pence.

In addition to being actively involved with the community of Sunriver, Scott Pence is very immersed in the travel industry. He has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Central Oregon Visitors Association for the last seven years helping to brand Central Oregon as *the* travel destination. Additionally, Scott sits on the newly formed Sunriver Marketing Alliance, which has been put in place to specifically market Sunriver as a community for tourism travel and full-time residency. The Oregon Lodging Association, whose primary role is to act as an advocate for the lodging industry in the state of Oregon, invited Scott to sit on their Board of Directors three years ago.

“There are a lot of great businesses here in Sunriver and to be recognized as *the* business of the year is a great honor”, says Scott Pence. “We have always tried to be a team player in the community, our industry and charitable organizations and it is nice to be recognized for those efforts.”

About RE/MAX Sunset Realty and Vacations

RE/MAX Sunset Realty and Vacations is a full service vacation rental and real estate company, servicing all of Central Oregon. RE/MAX Sunset Realty and Vacations manages a large selection of privately owned vacation home and condo rentals in the resort area of Sunriver, making them the largest independent property management company in Sunriver. For more information on vacation home rentals or RE/MAX Sunset Realty real estate, please call (541) 593-5018 or (800) 541-1756, or visit the website at www.SunriverLodging.com.