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REBNY PRESENTS RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE'S TOP HONORS: THE 22nd ANNUAL DEAL OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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Henry Forster Award for lifetime achievement*

Jacqui Howard Sicignano of The Corcoran Group receives top sales prize

New York, NY – October 22, 2010 – Among spinning roulette wheels, the ding of slot machines and bets on black or red, New York City's leading residential brokers celebrated a year of great deals while raising money for charity at The Real Estate Board of New York's 22nd Annual Residential Deal of the Year Awards and Charity Gala. The casino-themed "Betting on New York" event was held on Thursday, October 21 at the Grand Hyatt New York.

It was an exciting night filled with great entertainment, laughs and chatter. And the winners are...

MacRae Parker of Brown Harris Stevens, who took home *The Henry Forster Award* for lifetime achievement. Parker received the award not only for his expertise in residential real estate as a top-producing agent and mentor to his colleagues, but also for his often anonymous charitable acts such as his contributions to an elderly widow in his building, apple trees to a struggling farm family, and long-time support to the Frick Museum, Winterthur Museum and many other organizations.

The Henry Forster Award is presented to a broker who has exhibited not only outstanding achievement in the residential real estate market, but has also displayed outstanding ethical conduct in the profession and contributed to cultural, charitable and community organizations outside and within the industry.

The Rookie Salesperson of the Year Award was given to **Roger Gillen** of Brown Harris Stevens for his impressive entry into New York City's residential real estate sales market. Gillen is already a top producer in sales and marketing and has been dedicating much of his time to being an active REBNY member.

Other winners included **Jacqui Howard Sicignano** of The Corcoran Group, who won the first prize *Residential Deal of the Year Award* in the residential sales category. **Carol Landon** of Prudential Douglas Elliman and **Lisa Snyder** of Halstead Property LLC took second prize. **Neoly Lika Williams** of Prudential Douglas Elliman and **Karin Posvar Picket** of The Corcoran Group were the third prize winners.

For rentals, the first prize *Residential Deal of the Year Award* was presented to **Senad Ahmetovic** of Halstead Property LLC and **Pasquale Strippoli** of Halstead Property LLC.

“Every year for the last 22 years, RENBY has recognized residential real estate’s brightest stars,” said Steven Spinola, RENBY President. “We look forward to this event not only because the top deal makers are rewarded for their efforts, but because proceeds from the evening go to such an important cause, the city’s most prominent housing charities. I praise the winners for receiving these prestigious awards and thank all of the members for participating in such a worthwhile event.”

This year’s RENBY Member in Need contribution is in memory of Susan Dougherty, a longstanding RENBY member and the wife of Michael Goldenberg.

Over the last 22 years, the event has raised more than \$1.8 million for various housing charities.

The Real Estate Board of New York is the city’s leading real estate trade association with more than 12,000 members. RENBY represents major commercial and residential property owners and builders, brokers and managers, banks, financial service companies, utilities, attorneys, architects, contractors and other individuals and institutions professionally interested in the city’s real estate. RENBY is involved in crucial municipal matters including tax policy, city planning and zoning, rental conditions, land use policy, building codes and legislation. In addition, RENBY publishes reports providing indicators of market prices for both the residential and commercial sectors.

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