

BCAOMA and Member Landlords Win Awards

On February 3, a reception was hosted by the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Commission of Canada, where they honoured five people and organizations for their work in housing the mental health client group. The commission was in British Columbia conducting an in-person visit to the Vancouver Site of the At Home/ Chez Soi Research Demonstration Project of the Commission.

The Commission took this opportunity to honour those property owners and property management companies who have made significant contributions to At Home in its first year. The first person to speak was former Senator, Mike Kirby, Chair of the Mental Health Commission of Canada, thanking the private sector for their contribution and the second speaker, who presented the Certificates, was Louise Bradley, CEO of the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

Award winners are:

Marg Gordon – Chief Executive Officer of the B.C. Apartment Owners and Managers Association. Marg was involved with social housing early in her career and has been advocate of this project within the private rental housing community. Besides her encouragement at every turn, Marg allowed us to market At Home to the private market via the BCAOMA newsletter.

Karen Yates – Property Portfolio Manager with Glassman Properties. MPA has had members living in

Glassman buildings for many years. Karen was an early advocate for the At Home project within her company and one of the first to offer apartments to participants. Over the past year, At Home stock with Glassman has grown from 3 to 20 units in 6 buildings around Vancouver.



Fred Vertone – Fred is a private rental apartment building owner with multiple buildings in the Vancouver area. Fred came to At Home through our advertising in the BCAOMA newsletter. Our housing stock in Vertone buildings has grown from 3 to 14 units in 5 buildings around Vancouver over the past year.

Murray Fraeme – Murray is also a private rental apartment owner who became involved with At Home through our BCAOMA advertising. Murray's openness to doing things differently stems from his early experiences working in the Downtown Eastside. In the last year, At Home stock in his building has risen to 10 units.

BC Housing Health Services – BC Housing was an early, enthusiastic partner with At Home. They have provided the project with 20 bachelor and one-bedroom units throughout the city. These units will be sustainable rentals after the project ends.

Congratulations to all who not only built the bridges to make this project successful but also crossed the bridge.