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(Yakima, WA) The Ted Robertson Community Service Award was established in 1989 by the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce Past Presidents/Board Chairs to honor individuals each year that have made major contributions to the betterment of the Greater Yakima area. Ted Robertson, former publisher of the Yakima-Herald Republic, held a strong belief that good fortune earned in a community should be shared with that community. Ted also believed that we, as a community, ought to find more ways to honor people who distinguish themselves through their community service over and above their chosen profession.

The honorees are selected by the Past Board Presidents/Chairs of the Chamber for their inspiring leadership, achievements and commitment to the improvement of our community as business people and citizens of the Yakima Valley.

The prestigious Ted Robertson Community Service Award has become the Yakima Valley's highest recognition for civic accomplishment and involvement.

**The Past Chairs of the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce first announcement of recipients for 2016 are Steve and Anne Caffery.**

Since 1986 Steve and Anne Caffery have been pillars of the Yakima Valley community, Steve as CEO of The Capitol Theatre (1986-2015) and Anne, President/CEO of The Memorial Foundation (1989-2016), Vice President of Memorial Family of Services (2000-2016) and through extensive community volunteerism.

As CEO of the Capitol Theatre, Steve Caffery positioned Yakima as a launch-site for National touring shows, created a \$15m Public Facilities District securing long-term funding, diversified programs by adding the 400 seat "4th Street Theatre", increased main stage capacity by adding 10,000 square foot Center for productions, and fostered community partnerships to create cross-cultural programming and expanded facility use and access to the community.

As a community leader and volunteer Steve has assisted The American Cancer Society, Rotary of Yakima, Yakima Downtown Association (Chair), the Yakima Visitors and Convention Bureau (Yakima Tourism)(Chair), and others. He has been honored with the Yakima Southeast Community Center "Make a Difference Award", Yakima Valley Opportunities Industrialization Center "Civic Responsibilities Award", Arts Northwest "Person of the Year", a "Community Leadership Award" from WA Association of School Administrators, WA State House of Representatives resolution 2015-4618 honoring Steve's "service, integrity, & making Washington a better place to live", to name a few.

In her role as President/CEO of the Memorial Foundation and VP of Memorial Family of Services, Anne has raised over \$90m. She is a founder of Children's Village, Administrator for Community Health, Brand Stewardship, and Development for Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital.

Her personal achievements are as varied and extensive. She has been a development

consultant for Perry Technical Institute, Washington State Fruit Commission, and Voluntary Hospital Association. She has volunteered as a trainer and/or educator with Yakima Valley Community College, The City of Yakima, American Fundraising Professionals, the Yakima Chamber Foundation's "Leadership Yakima" program and more.

She has been honored with the "YWCA Woman of Achievement" Award, the "Marvin Sundquist Get Involved" award, "Memorial Hospital AHA NOVA" award for community service and others.

As a team, Steve and Anne have lead the United Way Pillars Drive, been pledge volunteers for KYVE, co-chaired the Rotary District Conference, volunteered with Northwest Harvest, both have sat and/or chaired the Board of Directors of the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau (Yakima Tourism), been on the Morelia Mexico sister city delegation, and both have been honored with the "Amor en Accion" award from Yakima Interfaith Coalition "La Casa Hogar".

**The Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce Past Board Chairs are proud to announce recipients of the 2016 Ted Robertson Community Service Award; Steve and Anne Caffery**

***The Ted Robertson Community Service Award will be presented at the Annual Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce Awards Black and White Night Gala - Thursday November 3rd, 2016***

**Ted Robertson Community Service Award Recipients:**

June 22, 1989 - Bea Noel  
April 5, 1990 - Greta Bryan  
April 25, 1991 – Dorothy "Bill" Donelson Robertson  
March 5, 1992 - Wesley H. "Bud" Snyder  
March 5, 1993 - Melvin Wagner  
February 4, 1994 - Bob DiPietro, Sr.  
February 24, 1995 - Shirley Doty  
February 6, 1996 - Marvin Sundquist  
February 8, 1997 - Bob "Straight Arrow" Lynch  
April 17, 1998 - "Ollie" Nelson  
February 10, 1999 – Eugene "Gene" Shields  
February 25, 2000 - Curtis King  
March 2001 - Ester Huey  
May 22, 2002 - Senator Alex Deccio  
April 3, 2003 - Paul Campbell, Gary George, Mel Moore, Gene Rostvold  
May 20, 2004 - Rick Linneweh  
April 14, 2005 - Gary Webster  
October 25, 2006 - Sid Morrison  
March 27, 2008 - Bob Hall  
September 24, 2009- Dale Carpenter  
October 8, 2010- Gary Lukehart  
September 16, 2011 – Bob Brown  
September 14, 2012 – John Gasperetti  
November 7th, 2013 – Greg and Jan Luring  
October 9th, 2014 – Ken Marble, Bill Dolsen, and Al DeAtley  
October 22nd, 2015 – Dr. Linda Kaminski and Ronald King