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The WCFHBA Announces Diane Thomas as the 2008 MAX! Awards Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

WILMINGTON, N.C. – The Wilmington-Cape Fear Home Builders Association is honored to announce Intracoastal Realty's Diane Thomas as the 2008 MAX! Awards Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Intracoastal COO, JoAnne Fox and Sales Manager and New Homes Director, Melisa Gallison accepted the award on Thomas's behalf at the recent MAX! Awards banquet held at the Country Club of Landfall.

Diane Thomas joined Intracoastal Realty (and the real estate industry) more than 20 years ago and has been a fixture in the Wilmington new homes community ever since. Diane has specialized in new construction sales for the past 12 years, representing Hagood Homes in various communities marketed by Intracoastal New Homes. Her experience, integrity and professionalism made her an important role model for other on-site agents and garnered her a fan club of home buyers as well as Buyer's Agents. Diane's value and longevity make her unique and worthy of recognition.

Diane has served the Wilmington-Cape Fear Home Builders Association and Sales & Marketing Council for more than ten years, volunteering on the Executive Council and most of its committees, as well as spearheading the original "Builder Realtor Protocol" brochure now being used in so many communities and real estate offices in this area. In sales Diane has been recognized as a top producer for years, and she was recognized by the WCFHBA when she received the prestigious 2002 Cathy Clark Spirit Award.

In 2008 Diane was diagnosed with breast cancer, and while others might let it get them down, Diane planned a Realtor luncheon to raise money (more than \$1,700) and promote education

regarding breast cancer. Her luncheon was standing room only, and she was there to greet and share information with every agent.

The Wilmington – Cape Fear Home Builders Association is a 1,100 member-firm trade association that provides services to its more than 9,500 individual members which enhance their success and stability. The largest trade association in eastern North Carolina, the Association serves as the voice of the building and development industries that strives to advance professionalism and promote community involvement. WCFHBA is recognized as a positive influential force for responsible growth by protecting property rights and the privilege of homeownership.

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