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**THURSDAY DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**Lakeland, FL**

### **5 Earn LAR Awards at Annual Installation of Officers and Directors Luncheon**

Each year the Lakeland Association of REALTORS® accepts nominations from their members for two prestigious awards: REALTOR of the Year and Affiliate of the Year. The purpose of these awards is to honor successful members who have contributed to the Association, the real estate profession and the community.

The 2010 REALTOR of the Year award was presented to Aaron Chandler of Brooks Chandler Realty on Wed. December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeland Association of REALTORS® annual Installation & Awards Banquet/Lakeland Yacht & Country Club. Aaron Chandler is currently the President of MyFlorida Regional MLS and represents the real estate profession serving on numerous committees and task forces as well as being involved in various charity efforts including Guardian AdLitem, SPCA, and the American Kidney Foundation.

Jonathan Crain with Two Men & a Truck was awarded the Affiliate of The Year award for his hard work ethic and continuous support of the REALTOR community.

In addition to these awards, the Volunteer of the Year is selected by the LAR staff and went to Joanne Eager with Exit Realty, for her many hours dedicated to the Education program at the Lakeland Association of REALTORS.

This year we have also added a Rising Star award and a Humanitarian of the Year award. The Rising Star award was presented to Charlene Balleine with Coldwell Banker for her efforts in successfully completing the new member Mentoring Program.

The Humanitarian of the Year is a new award, and nominations were solicited through The Ledger and online social media. This award recognizes an individual in the community who has devoted time and/or resources on local, state, national or international to humanitarian efforts. This year's recipient was Melissa Sanchez. Melissa is the Communications Coordinator at the Lakeland Association of REALTORS, and was presented the award for her efforts in serving our military personnel both past & present. As a former Army wife, she has given countless hours to various projects, events and organizations representing our nation's bravest heroes. She is also

the driving force behind the Lakeland Warrior Walk, which earned her a Key to the City of Lakeland.

Congratulations to all of our outstanding award winners.

For more information, quotes please contact President Richard Dempsey at 863-581-1903



2010 REALTOR® Of The Year

Aaron Chandler and fiancé Jada  
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2010 Affiliate of The Year

Jonathan Crain / Two Men & A Truck



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2010 Volunteer of the Year  
Joanne Eager with Exit Realty



2010 Rising Star Award  
Charlene Balleine of Coldwell  
Banker with President Richard  
Dempsey



2010 Humanitarian of The Year  
Melissa Sanchez  
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