

Dream Home Realty making a difference



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 Dream Home Realty owner Sherry Gilleland, left, along with members of the realty team and RiverBend Growth Association ambassadors stand outside the business following Friday's award presentation. The realty business was named RBGA Small Business of the Month for May.

Wood River business recognized with Small Business of the Month

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WOOD RIVER — A small Wood River business has been able to do some big things for the surrounding community in recent years.

Dream Home Realty, located at 543 E. Ferguson Ave. in Wood River, was recognized for its charitable contributions by being named the RiverBend Growth Association's May Small Business of the Month Friday. RBGA members and Dream Home Realty staff gathered at the Wood River business for presentation of the

award.

Owner Sherry Gilleland, a Wood River native, has worked in real estate since 2006, and in 2010 she started her own business in Brighton. At the time, she and one other broker worked at the single location, she said. The Wood River location opened in September 2013, and today they have 11 brokers between the two businesses.

"Our company just keeps growing and growing, and I could not do that without my staff, my family, the clients," Gilleland said. "Our clients are what makes us who we are."

A defining characteristic of the business has been its commitment to the community. A donation collection around the holidays has grown from filling a trolley to a school bus to, most recently, a semi-truck trailer. Gilleland said the business is also working with Pride, Inc.'s Bucket Brigade to repaint the Historic Chapel of Wood River with the help of the Wood River Laborers' Local 338.

RBGA Director of Member Services Joell Aguirre said Gilleland and Dream Home's

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charitable spirit was instrumental in them receiving the award.

"One of the biggest reasons they were chosen as the Small Business of the Month was their commitment to the community and their community outreach, and their commitment have all of their staff have that same philosophy," Aguirre said.

The business's mission statement includes the tenets of providing the

very best council, loyal and dedicated service possible, putting the best interests of clients first and holding themselves to highest standard, conduct and ethics, Gilleland said. Their success, and the success the business has in the future, are tied to that mission statement.

"I feel that we stand out a little bit more because we live our mission statement every day in and out," Gilleland said.

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