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Philanthropic developer Greg Christenson named a Distinguished Citizen

Edmonton--For more than 30 years, Greg Christenson, president and co-owner of industry award-winning Christenson Developments Ltd., has been a part of building communities in more ways than one. After graduating with a degree in civil engineering from the University of Alberta in 1979, Greg followed his father into the multi-family housing industry.

After a real estate market downturn in the 1980s, Greg went into property management, forming Christenson Property Management Ltd. Today, this company manages a portfolio of 1,500 condominiums and 500 rental units. With Greg’s help, Christenson Developments grew into a $20-million rental housing, design and building contractor and became one of Edmonton’s largest and most successful adult community development companies.

During this time, Greg and the company have generously provided support to the community, including serving in past roles as chair of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, president of the Canadian Home Builders Association (for Canada, Alberta and Edmonton) and co-chair of the 2011 and 2012 MacEwan Pro-Am golf tournament. Encouraging a cohesive vision for emerging new communities, Greg has further provided leadership to the Edmonton, Sherwood Park, St. Albert and Alberta chambers of commerce.

Also well known for his philanthropic efforts, Greg has made donations to hundreds of organizations in the central and northern Alberta regions. Under the Christenson Developments banner, Greg has given financial support to the university since 2004, including sponsoring the “Christenson Communities Link” pedway connecting the Robbins Health Learning Centre to City Centre Campus. Greg’s donations to the university’s fitness facility have established a building maintenance and renovation fund to assist with the ongoing needs of the facility, and in 2009, the facility was renamed the Christenson Family Centre for Sport and Wellness.

An Honorary Bachelor of Arts degree will be conferred upon Greg Christenson during the Spring Convocation on Thursday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m., at the Winspear Centre.

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