Jerry Stricker recipient of GTA HBA's Humanitarian/Community Service Award for 2002

T would be a challenge to find anyone with a negative word to say about Jerry Stricker, so it came as no surprise that Stricker was presented with the Grand Traverse Area Home Builders Association's Humanitarian/ Community Service Award for 2002.

"It's a very simple thing with Jerry," said Chuck Drouillard, board president for the Home **Builders Association**. "He's an absolutely caring guy. He's probably the epitome of our National Home Builders Care program. Giving back to the community is something that comes naturally to Jerry. It's not enough for him to have an excellent business reputation; he always wants to give back.

Stricker was born and raised in Traverse City, beginning a career in 1967 when he went to work for Burkholder Construction. After nearly 36 years in the business, Stricker has developed a reputation for being a selfless contributor to community causes.

"The Humanitarian/ Community Service Award was given to a member of our association for making an outstanding, dedicated contribution to the betterment of the community," said Angie Glynn, owner of T C Millworks and a member of the nominating committee.

Glynn calls Stricker "one of the most remarkable people you would ever want to meet when it comes to devotion."

"Jerry's always there to help," Glynn said. "We've served for several years together on the HBA board and I've watched the way he is always there to offer his time and efforts to those who need them."

Stricker's career has been peppered with awards and accolades. He's been named Remodeler of the Year and received the **Distinguished Builder** Award. In addition. Stricker has volunteered his time and effort to causes such as the Grand Traverse Commission on Aging Women's **Resource Center**, United Way and the Northwest Michigan Blood Program. He has served on the Home Builders Association Board since 1995.

Married to Ricky, a legal secretary, since



1967, Stricker has three sons and five grandchildren. He enjoys spending his spare time outdoors with activities such as camping and cross-country skiing.

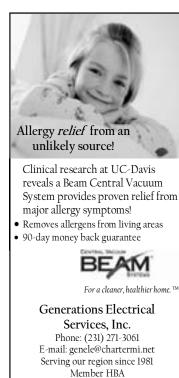
"The list of his accomplishments is long and extensive," said Glynn. "But still, he's always there to help; always donating time. He'll take the time to talk to you about an issue, a problem, any concern you might have.

Stricker was presented with the Humanitarian/ Community Service Award at a general meeting of the Home Builders Association in November.

"I was surprised that they picked me. There are other HBA members more worthy than I was," Stricker said.

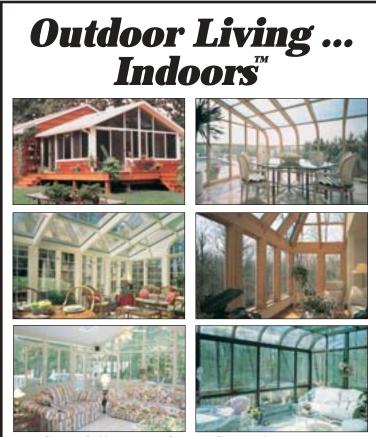
Stricker's comment doesn't surprise Glynn.

"He was as humble receiving that award as he always is," she said. "He is a very gracious man."





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