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## UNITED WAY HONOURS GLEN & EV REA

**Kelowna, BC** --- The United Way of the Central & South Okanagan/Similkameen is pleased to announce the 2009 Dinner of Distinction honouring Glen & Ev Rea. The gala dinner will be held on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Coast Capri Hotel to pay special tribute to these brothers who have contributed greatly to our community in their years at Capri Insurance. At this same event, long time humanitarians **Lois & Cliff Serwa** will also be honoured by the United Way.

“It is fitting that Glen & Ev have stepped up for the community” says Peter MacPherson, United Way Board Chair, “They have done so over the years supporting a variety of causes through Capri Insurance, such as Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs, an athletic scholarship at UBCO and numerous youth and sports endeavors. Anyone who has attended a Kelowna Rockets home game will have seen the brothers cheering on the home team, while overhead the Capri Insurance blimp hovers about dropping goodies.”

Ev Rea was born in 1941 in Kelowna and spent the majority of his school years on the Coast. After his schooling, he entered into the insurance industry. Ev married his wife Shari in 1961 and they have 3 children, Gordon, Jody & Chrissy. The family moved back to Kelowna in 1969 to open an office for Canadian Indemnity. In 1975 along with partners; Gordon Baughan and Robin Durrant, Ev founded Capri Insurance.

Glen Rea was born in 1937 in Kamloops and after schooling on the Coast, returned to Kelowna in 1961. Along with his father, Tommy they opened an office for Aetna Insurance. Glen & Ev joined forces at Capri Insurance in the 70's after Aetna sold their BC & Yukon business; 50% to Capri and to 50% to Glen. Glen has been married to his wife Pat for 52 years and they have three daughters, Brenda, Sandy & Jaime.

Capri Insurance started in Kelowna in March of 1975 with 6 people and a handful of clients. Today Capri Insurance and its affiliates serve 100,000 clients with over 280 people in 10 offices throughout British Columbia with the majority employed right here

in Kelowna, West Kelowna and Winfield. Capri specializes in many areas including; personal, auto, commercial and group insurance as well as wealth management and financial services.

Culture is a valuable part of this organization. Encouraging and enabling staff to be involved in the communities in which they live and work is something Capri Insurance is proud of and has always been a part of their corporate identity.

“It has been a wonderful ride for the past 34 years and I have been blessed being surrounded by great co-workers in addition to having a great family and friends.” says Ev  
“We have been extremely fortunate in coming to Kelowna with the all the support received from the citizens of the Okanagan and surrounding areas. THANK YOU!” adds Glen

The goal for this year’s dinner is to raise over \$100 000 for United Way. Like the Reas, the United Way provides on-going support to the community through programs and services through 27 Community Partners focused in key impact areas supporting children, youth & families, people with health conditions and disabilities, assisting those living with poverty and abuse and helping seniors.

This event is almost sold out. For ticket details or to make a donation to this important event, please contact the United Way at 250-860-2356 or visit [www.unitedwaycso.com](http://www.unitedwaycso.com)

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