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Ken Zeitner  
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**Re: 2019 Business Excellence Not for Profit Award - Finalist**

Dear Mr. Zeitner:

It is my pleasure to congratulate you and your team at Society of Hope on being selected as a finalist for the **2019 Business Excellence Not for Profit Award**, sponsored by the Kelowna Foundation for Hope and Social Innovation. To be selected as a finalist your Society has been rigorously reviewed by a panel of judges. I understand that this year you were one of three very successful organizations nominated for this award.

You and your team at Society of Hope provide and manage over 700 quality affordable rental units for seniors and families, with rents related to household income. I understand that as well, the Society offers short term housing for single women and women with children who need a safe place for a fresh start in life. With housing affordability being such a critical factor in today's Kelowna, your Society is a much needed organization and we are very grateful for all that you do to help those in housing need.

Since 1987, the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce has been awarding the Business Excellence Awards to celebrate outstanding organizations that excel in our community. There is a long list of finalists and Society of Hope is a worthy member of this very distinguished group. I wish you all continued success.

Sincerely,

Steve Thomson, MLA  
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