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### **Al Tuntland honored for service to First Homes**

Rochester businessman Al Tuntland has been honored by First Homes for his service as its first executive director.

Tuntland was recognized at a reception prior to a recent First Homes board meeting. He was presented with a clock after comments by board chair Karel Weigel.

Tuntland served as First Homes' executive director since its inception.

Before starting his own consulting business in 1994, Tuntland was president and owner of Schmidt Printing in Rochester for 18 years. From 1971 to 1976, he was president and owner of Interstate GMC Truck in Rochester. From 1969 to 1971, he was a controller for Wilson Learning Corp. He began his career with Touche Ross Management Services in 1964.

He also is a member of the South Dakota State University Foundation Board of Directors.

Tuntland and his wife, Sharon, are the parents of three grown daughters: Kristen, Sarah, and Meredith.

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First Homes is a public-private collaborative to build needed starter homes in Rochester and a 30-mile radius. The goal is to build homes for 875 families over five years - 500 single-family homes and 375 rental townhomes.

A \$12.75 million fund-raising effort by the Rochester Area Foundation is seeking donations from area employers and individuals over the next two years. The raised funds can be leveraged for additional funding of \$115 million from other sources, and the total, \$128 million, is the amount needed to build starter homes for 875 families in a 30-mile radius of Rochester.

For more information on First Homes, call (507) 287-7117 or visit <http://www.firsthomes.org> on the Web.