

Giving Back

Like many REALTORS®, Dennis Brown had a career in a different profession and now uses that experience to support various nonprofit causes. In May, his volunteer work was showcased at Seattle's Benaroya Hall.

Brown, the executive managing broker for SASH Realty and a past president of SEATTLE KingCounty REALTORS®, worked as a floral designer and manager of chain of floral and gift shops, and taught the craft for many years,



including service for a hotel chain in Hawaii. Since

switching to real estate, his creations have been featured at the annual Seattle-King County First Citizen Banquet.

In May, Brown accepted an invitation to prepare the stage flowers and VIP reception bouquets for the annual Ten Grands Seattle concert, a benefit for music education.



Over the course of several hours, Brown arranged 1,500 long-stemmed roses with assorted greens to create bouquets that surrounded the multi-tiered ten grand pianos. In addition to being a signature item at the sold-out concert, the dramatically lit arrangements are re-purposed for another worthy cause.

Following the concert, Brown and a few other volunteers deconstructed the bouquets, carefully packing them into plastic bins for transport to Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park in Seattle. The following morning, volunteers from the University of Washington ROTC program placed a rose on the headstones of fallen heroes.

Brown has already volunteered to be the floral designer for the seventh annual "Ten Grands Seattle" concert, scheduled for April 4, 2014. The event, which features both professional pianists and young musicians, is presented in partnership with the Seattle Symphony.

Bravo to Dennis and other REALTORS® who volunteer for the greater good!

Editor's note: We invite real estate professionals who volunteer for charitable causes to submit stories for consideration as features in future editions of Northwest REporter. Suggestions may be sent to dcrowell@nwrealtor.com. Please include "Realtors who give back" on the subject line.

