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**PRESS RELEASE:  
2020 VAN-TASTIC RECIPIENTS**

2020 was a year full of unprecedented challenges for our downtown community. During this time, our businesses worked relentlessly to pivot, adapt, and survive through the uncharted territory of a pandemic. Ultimately, our downtown innovated and remained resilient to meet the challenge.

Over the last 10 years, the Van-Tastic Award Ceremony has been a celebration of our small businesses and Vancouver's community-centric values. This year, the Van-Tastics was condensed into an engaging 8-minute video, available for view on YouTube and Facebook.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54SfDUiAUFo&t>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vdausa360/videos/173457944326803>

There are 6 award categories recognizing our downtown businesses:

**Believe & Achieve**

The Believe and Achieve Award recognizes start-ups, expansions, and other small businesses growing in downtown.

RECIPIENT: KINDRED HOMESTEAD SUPPLY

**Ooh Ahh! Award**

The Ooh Ahh! Award recognizes the best remodel, re-brand, or successful business pivot in 2020.

RECIPIENT: NIGHT MARKET POP-LOCAL

**Yellow Umbrella Award**

The Yellow Umbrella Award recognizes extraordinary resiliency and ingenuity during COVID-19 mandates.

RECIPIENT: KIGGINS THEATRE

**Vancouver-Made**

The Vancouver Made Award celebrates locally made or manufactured items.

RECIPIENT: BLEU DOOR BAKERY

**The Carl Dobbs Commendation**

An award honoring a late Carl Dobbs who championed the downtown tree planting, and the revitalization of Turtle Place. This award embodies dedication and sense of duty to our community.

RECIPIENT: HOLLY WILLIAMS

**Corporate Sponsor Recognition**

Recognizes community partnerships that made VDA's community development efforts possible.

RECIPIENT: LSW ARCHITECTS & RIFF\_ CREATIVE

Please reach out to Michael Walker, VDA Executive Director, for additional information at [director@vdausa.org](mailto:director@vdausa.org), or 360-258-1129

Thank you,

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