



Distinguished Service Award

An SRES® Distinguished Service Award Recipient must have shown extraordinary performance and presence in their respective community; demonstrated that they are a source of knowledge and expertise in working with the senior market; and must have shown exceptional principles and furtherance of the principles of good practice among REALTORS® and the 50+ market.

SRES® Instructor, Ruth Fennell, of Gallatin, TN



Ruth earned her SRES® designation in 2003 and is a member of the Council on aging of greater Nashville Advisory Council Housing Workgroup. This committee is responsible for the 2009 annual committee Aging Summit in Nashville. She is the founding member of the EasyLiving Homes TN statewide coalition through the TN council on Developmental Disabilities. This coalition includes AARP, TN Housing Development Agency, Easter Seals, Habitat for Humanity, and National Association of Home Builders among others.

This coalition will work to bring 'accessibility', in connection with mobility and aging-in-place, concepts to new home construction. Ruth also dedicated her time to writing a book titled, '**Loving Senior Transitions: The Top 5 Questions That Baby Boomers Need to Ask to Help Aging Loved Ones.**' This book is soon to be available on the SRES® website. She also assisted fellow Distinguished Service Award winner Art Reed in writing 'Reverse Mortgages and YOU' for Financial Freedom; which premiered in SRES' first webinar. Ruth is one of our most valued instructors. Her positive, influential presence in the classroom has generated praise like this quote from one of her past SRES® students: 'To this day, your class is the best I have ever taken... Ruth has an excellent understanding of adult learning needs and is a great instructor. I have and will continue to recommend her class to every REALTOR®.'