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SEATTLE, Wash. — *Washington CEO* magazine, one of the state's leading business publications, has named John Jacobi, founder of Windermere Real Estate, to its Power 100 – a list of men and women who wield the influence and are shaping the state's future. The annual list was published in the March 2002 issue.

The poll, compiled from responses of 2,300 readers of the magazine and Web site, includes a broad mix of business moguls, local sports heroes, artists, philanthropists and politicians. Most list-makers share a common commitment to bettering the communities in which they live and work. Jacobi founded Windermere Real Estate in 1972 as a one-office, eight-agent office in the Seattle neighborhood of Windermere. In 1989, Jacobi established the Windermere Foundation, a nonprofit organization created with the purpose of raising and distributing funds to support homeless assistance programs. Since its beginning, millions of dollars have been raised to provide shelter, clothing, food and other services to homeless and low-income families in the communities which Windermere serves.

Windermere Real Estate's nearly 6,000 associates and more than 200 offices serve neighborhoods in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Windermere has been ranked as the largest regional brand by *REAL Trends* for two consecutive years and has a proud heritage of serving communities across the West with integrity, professionalism and a commitment to personalized service.

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