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Local REALTORS® gift \$7,500 to benefit Morgan County homeless

This holiday season, the families served by Morgan County's homeless service organizations have a little something extra to be thankful for.

This week, Desert Rose was presented with a check for \$5,000 from the REALTOR® Foundation. The funds will be used to support its domestic violence awareness and prevention program for teens. In addition, the Community Service Center of Morgan County (Wellspring) was granted \$2,500 to assist with its supportive transitional housing.

"Our Project Hope benefits most from this grant, by allowing us more time for mentoring our residents," explained Marsha MacPhee-Webster of Desert Rose. "Many of the women and children we work with have a difficult time developing personal relations or trusting others, and this mentorship programs allow us to work on restoring their faith in others."

In October, the REALTOR® Foundation announced a record-breaking \$80,000 in grants to 12 local charities that supply critical, emergency housing for victims of unforeseen circumstances.

In addition to championing Desert Rose and Wellspring, grants were also awarded to organizations across central Indiana, including:

- Christian Help, Inc. (Johnson County)
- Coburn Place Safe Haven (Marion County)
- Gennesaret Free Clinic (Marion County)
- Hancock Hope House (Hancock, Shelby and Rush County)
- Holy Family Services (Marion County)
- Julian Center (Marion County)
- Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center – Fostering Independence (Marion County)
- Partners in Housing Development Corporation (Marion County)
- Pathway to Recovery (Marion County)
- Sheltering Wings Center for Women (Hendricks and Marion County)

Established in 1984, the REALTOR® Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR). Through its work in transitional housing — which the Foundation defines as the step between emergency shelter and permanent homeownership — the organization partners with existing organizations to address homelessness throughout central Indiana.

Each year, the Foundation looks to support the vital work of organizations that serve people displaced because of domestic violence, natural disaster, or those affected by economic hardships that have made them temporarily homeless.

“The extent of homeless in central Indiana is inexcusable. REALTORS® have now made a huge step forward in this fight by raising enough to award grants to 12 organizations,” said Mark Dudley, 2007 president of the REALTOR® Foundation. “These groups all fill a unique need and are spread across the region allowing our dollars to help more people than ever before in one grant cycle – it’s tremendously gratifying.”

Money was raised through annual events like the REALTOR® Foundation Golf Outing, and individual and corporate donations from the real estate community.

For more information on the REALTOR® Foundation, visit www.realtorfoundation.org.

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