

REALTOR® Foundation Receives Record Funding Request for Central Indiana's Homeless REALTORS® Make Giving Back Their Priority this Season

Each year, the REALTOR® Foundation distributes grants to central Indiana charities that provide critical housing to the homeless. This fall, the REALTOR® Foundation received a record 29 requests for a total of \$405,000. The Foundation grants committee selected 19 grants to focus on this year, setting the fundraising goal at \$100,000. Fundraising efforts are in overdrive to make as many grant requests as possible a reality.

As in the past, the funds will benefit organizations that assist a wide range of homeless individuals and families, such as recently emancipated foster children, men recovering from hospitalization, women and children who have been victims of domestic violence and mental health and addiction patients.

Facing a slow-to-recover housing market hasn't stopped REALTORS® and Foundation supporters from stepping up to help those in need this season. As the Foundation has entered its final push for donations, individuals and groups are coming forward to support members of our community that have fallen on hard times. Over \$70,000 has been raised so far, with close to \$30,000 to go to meet this year's goal and fulfill all 19 grant requests.

"With a record number of grant requests submitted this year, it is evident that local nonprofits need our help to provide services to those affected by homelessness in our community," said Joyce Scotten, 2011 president of The REALTOR® Foundation. "REALTORS® and Foundation supporters are continuing to make our mission, to link hope to homeless, their priority."

Donations to The REALTOR® Foundation can be made online at www.realtorfoundation.org, by phone at 317-956-255 or mail at 1912 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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