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REALTOR® Foundation Awareness Week to Support Local Homeless Providers

Direct volunteerism and philanthropy opportunities take center stage during 6th annual service event

Indianapolis — Motivated by the reality that the number of people without fixed shelter in Indianapolis has increased by 5 percent increase over last year, REALTORS® in central Indiana are mobilized for REALTOR® Foundation Awareness Week.

From Sept. 10-14, 2012, the sixth annual REALTOR® Foundation Awareness Week will provide volunteer and fundraising opportunities that allow the real estate community to give back to the communities in which they live and work. The weeklong event is an annual service opportunity orchestrated through the REALTOR® Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR), established in 1984.

Through its concentration on transitional and permanent supportive housing — which the Foundation defines as the step between emergency shelter and homeownership — the organization partners with existing organizations that have housing as part of their mission to address homelessness throughout central Indiana. To date, the REALTOR® Foundation has provided more than \$750,000 to regional nonprofits in the past seven years.

To complement its fundraising efforts, REALTOR® Foundation Awareness Week allows hands-on support for this important mission. The event centralizes service opportunities across central Indiana and connects nonprofits with REALTORS® who wish to donate their time to help. MIBOR members can register for individual volunteer opportunities throughout the week, including a cleanup day at St. Clair Place alongside the Building a Living Legacy residents and a painting project at Promising Futures in Noblesville.

“Nonprofits are facing the same financial challenges that many central Indiana residents are, and they’re still meeting the needs of those on the brink of homelessness in our community,” said Bruce Bright, 2012 REALTOR® Foundation president. “REALTORS® have always been quick to step up and help those organizations that are committed to helping our community, and we’re sure that this year will be no different.”

This year, REALTOR® Foundation Awareness Week will also reprise its popular Feed the Fight event at Irsay Pavilion on Wednesday, Sept.12. For just \$10, guests can enjoy signature fare from local restaurants such as Blue Crew Sports Grill, Buca di Beppo, Chef Mike’s Charcoal Grill, Chicago’s Pizza, Elbow Room, Fireside Brewhouse, Palomino, Sweet and Savory, Traders Point Creamery/The Loft Restaurant and Yats. Beer will be provided by Sun King Brewery, and wine tastings from Mallow Run Winery will be offered. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to win raffle prizes, enter a silent auction and take photos in the photo booth. Colts cheerleaders will also make a special appearance.

To register for all Awareness Week activities, including volunteer opportunities for Feed the Fight, call Kristi Howard at 317-956-5255, or email kristihoward@realtorfoundation.com. To learn more about Awareness Week, visit www.realtorfoundation.org/awareness.

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