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**REALTOR® Foundation awards \$120,000 in grants to 15 local homeless service providers**

INDIANAPOLIS — The REALTOR® Foundation, the charitable arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR), has awarded grants totaling \$120,000 to 15 central Indiana organizations.

“We are excited to award grants to these very deserving organizations who are helping homeless families and individuals make the transition to safe, affordable and permanent housing solutions,” said Tom Johnson 2015 REALTOR® Foundation president. “These organizations provide invaluable resources to the community and we are grateful to see so many in the real estate industry step up and help us reach our goal this year.”

**Coburn Place Safe Haven** (\$7,500) provides safe, affordable housing and supportive services to women and children who are homeless because of leaving abusive situations. They transform battered lives by healing painful emotions, teaching valuable life skills, and fostering financial independence and long-term self-sufficiency.

**Craine House** (\$7,500) is a unique facility for women transitioning from the prison system to community reintegration. They are dedicated to serving non-violent females with pre-school age children. They promote development of life skills, strengthening of the mother-child relationship, opportunity for academic advancement and guidance to attain emotional and economic independence.

**Damien Center** (\$6,000) hosts a housing assistance program serving HIV positive men, women, and children in safe, affordable housing of choice. Residents complete an eight module life skills course preparing them to maintain safe housing while working towards self-sufficiency.

**Dayspring Center** (\$10,000) provides emergency and transitional housing plus supportive services to families. It is a comprehensive service agency empowering families with the skills, resolve, and resources to permanently end their homelessness.

**Desert Rose Foundation** (\$7,500) provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, case management, legal advocacy, GED training and tutoring, employment assistance, life skills classes, and mentoring to women and children fleeing abusive situations and relationships.

**Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis** (\$10,000) Aftercare program serves families who have recently left its emergency shelter program. By continuing intensive case management the program works with families to increase self-sufficiency and therefore to reduce the likelihood that a family remains house rather than returning to homelessness.

**Family Promise of Hendricks County** (\$10,000) will be launching in 2015 to provide emergency housing

needs and support services to families of Hendricks County.

**Gennesaret Free Clinic** (\$10,000) runs the Health Recovery Program that houses men during their recovery from a hospital stay while providing supportive services on the road to permanent housing.

**Holy Family Shelter** (\$10,000) offers shelter and services to help families break the cycle of homelessness, providing the stability necessary to be successful in school, work and life.

**HVAF of Indiana** (\$6,000) operates The REST Program, a 22-bed intensive, highly structured supportive housing program that addresses addictions and recovery for homeless veterans.

**Pathway to Recovery** (\$10,000) operates 5 housing programs providing a seamless continuum of care beginning with supportive housing and ending with permanent housing for over 90 homeless participants battling mental health and substance abuse issues.

**Project Home Indy** (\$8,000) provides housing for pregnant and parenting teens in Marion County. They create opportunities to expand life skills, access healthcare, and realize greater educational success.

**Stopover, Inc.** (\$5,000) operates a Transitional Living Program (TLP) providing supervised housing and supportive services to 16-21 year old youth/young adults as they transition from homelessness to independent living.

**Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter** (\$7,500) provides an emergency shelter, a 24-hour toll-free help line, a legal advocacy program and prevention training to victims of domestic violence/sexual assault and their dependent children.

Additionally, in honor of The REALTOR® Foundation's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014, Foundation leaders dedicated several of the year's activities to that theme including honoring 30 individuals who have made an impact, conducting volunteer days of giving at grant recipient locations and launching its first-ever grant giveaway via social media.

In the grant giveaway, all members of MIBOR were given the opportunity to nominate an organization to receive a special 30th anniversary one-time grant. Engagement spiked as more than 50 individual organizations across central Indiana were nominated and subsequently voted upon. The entire process took place through Facebook, concluding with a \$5,000 grant presented to the Grace Church Care Center which provides support services and an extensive food pantry for low income families of Hamilton County.

Established in 1984, the REALTOR® Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR). 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. More than \$1 million in grants has been awarded by the REALTOR® Foundation since 2003.

To learn more about the REALTOR® Foundation, visit [www.realtorfoundation.org](http://www.realtorfoundation.org).

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