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**Local REALTORS® gift \$12,000 to benefit Johnson County homeless**

This holiday season, the families served by Christian Help, Inc. have a little something extra to be thankful for.

This week, Christian Help, Inc. was presented with a check for \$12,000 from the REALTOR® Foundation. The funds will be used to support its transitional housing program, including case management services and its life skills project. This is the second time Christian Help, Inc. received assistance from the REALTOR® Foundation; in 2007, it was granted \$15,000 to help sustain its program, which focuses on the strength of a family and keeps it intact by rehabilitating mobile homes and renting them to a family for a lower cost until they can become permanent owners.

“These funds will once again help families in need, those who have been homeless without stability,” explained Pamela Leffler of Christian Help, Inc. “The REALTOR® Foundation grant allows more homeless families to be part of a support program for a couple years, while ending up with a permanent affordable home. Our program has a great impact on families – we’ve seen success, as we have several graduating now. The improvements we’ve seen have been so awesome, and we’re so happy.”

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 Christian Help, Inc., grants were also awarded to organizations across central Indiana, including:

- Coburn Place Safe Haven (Marion County)
- Wellspring, aka Community Service Center of Morgan County (Morgan County)
- Desert Rose (Morgan, Johnson, Owen, Brown and Hendricks Counties)
- Gennesaret Free Clinic (Marion County)
- Hancock Hope House (Hancock, Shelby and Rush Counties)
- 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 County)

Established in 1984, the REALTOR® Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR). 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](http://www.realtorfoundation.org).*

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