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Realtors donate \$500K for homeless housing


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A \$500,000 donation from the charitable arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors will help build 32 homes on the Near Eastside for families and individuals who are homeless.

The Realtor Foundation will work with the John H. Boner Community Center to build the homes, which the center will own.


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The donation is linked to a city push to build or repair about 275 housing units on the Near Eastside during the next three years, an effort that's called the Super Bowl Housing Legacy Project. Indianapolis will host the National Football League's 2012 Super Bowl, with the Near Eastside being the site of a Super Bowl practice field at Tech High School.





The MIBOR Foundation decided that a housing project to help the homeless "is the best possible way we could mark both our MIBOR centennial and our city's first-ever Super Bowl," Regina Jones, foundation president, said in a statement.

The foundation has made homelessness one of its causes. In the past seven years, it's given \$500,000 to Central Indiana groups that work to help the homeless.

Call Star reporter Jeff Swiatek at (317) 444-6483.

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