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**REALTOR® Foundation Grants \$105,000 to local homeless service providers**

INDIANAPOLIS — The REALTOR® Foundation, the charitable arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR), has awarded grants totaling \$105,000 to 13 central Indiana organizations.

“This year, we exceeded our fundraising goal by 20 percent so we were able to both increase our grant funding and direct support to our endowment fund for future sustainability,” said Dean Hicks 2014 REALTOR® Foundation president. “We are proud that we have the opportunity to continue providing support to organizations that offer invaluable resources to the community.”

The 2014 grant recipients are:

**Coburn Place** (\$10,000) provides safe, affordable housing and supportive services to women and children who are homeless because of leaving abusive situations. They transform lives by healing painful emotions, teaching valuable life skills, and fostering financial independence and long-term self-sufficiency.

**Craine House** (\$10,000) is a unique facility for women transitioning from the prison system to community reintegration. They are dedicated to serving non-violent females with infant to 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** (\$6,500) 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** (\$8,000) 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.

**Gennesaret Free Clinic** (\$8,000) 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.

**Partners in Housing** (\$5,000) provides affordable housing to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, while giving them support and a chance to reach their highest level of self-sufficiency by purchasing, rehabbing, and operating apartment communities across Indianapolis.

**Pathway to Recovery** (\$12,500) operates five 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.

**Progress House, Inc** (\$5,000) provides temporary supportive housing services for chronically addicted adult homeless males in the greater Indianapolis area. Its residents are required to work full-time and contribute both financially and through on site housekeeping duties.

**Project Home Indy** (\$10,000) provides housing for pregnant and parenting teens in Marion County. They create opportunities to expand life skills, access healthcare, and realize greater educational success.

**Sheltering Wings Center for Women** (\$5,000) gives women in central Indiana a safe, protected retreat from abuse for them and their children, coupled with resources and guidance to help them rebuild their lives free from domestic violence.

**Turning Point Domestic Violence Services** (\$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.

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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