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Solutions to Homelessness Highlighted During 2nd Annual Event

REALTOR® Foundation Awareness Week activities focus on volunteerism and philanthropy

Indianapolis – This week, REALTORS® across 10 central Indiana counties will fight on the front line in the battle against homelessness. The second-annual REALTOR® Foundation Awareness Week, held April 21-26, 2008, will provide volunteer and fundraising opportunities for supporters of the Foundation – the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR).

Each year, the REALTOR® Foundation utilizes its grants program 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. REALTOR® Foundation Awareness Week serves to celebrate this mission and the tremendous success of its grant recipients.

In the last five years, the Foundation has granted \$330,000 to homelessness service providers in Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion and Morgan counties. A new grant cycle will begin this summer with the acceptance of applications in July. Funding announcements for 2009 will be made this fall.

Last year's inaugural Awareness Week raised \$16,000 for the Foundation. However this year, in addition to the fundraising and awareness events, the centerpiece of the week is a calendar of volunteer opportunities ranging from child care to gardening. Real estate professionals will assist at The Julian Center, Gennesaret Free Clinic, Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center, Christian Help, Inc. and Wellspring Center.

"The hands-on aspect of Awareness Week is critical for an understanding of the true nature and scope of homelessness," said Roger Lundy, 2008 President of the REALTOR® Foundation. "Nothing compares to meeting the amazing people who run these organizations and the clients who are so grateful for the services. It's humbling and inspiring. Even supporters of the Foundation who already believe in this mission will gain a new awareness."

To register for all Awareness Week activities including the volunteer opportunities, call Molly Hahn at 317-956-5255. To learn more about Awareness Week, visit www.realtorfoundation.org/awareness.

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