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REALTORS[®] grant \$100,000 to local homeless service providers
Thirteen charities accept awards at Foundation banquet

INDIANAPOLIS – Last night, 13 local nonprofits received a much-needed boost to help continue their vital efforts in the community. Through the fundraising efforts of the REALTOR[®] Foundation, \$100,000 in funding will be gifted to nonprofit service providers that supply emergency and transitional housing for central Indiana’s homeless.

“This year The REALTOR[®] Foundation has the ability for the second time in our history to give more than \$100,000 to our local community,” said Joyce Scotten, 2011 president of The REALTOR[®] Foundation. “Although the economy has shown signs of recovery, it hasn’t yet trickled down to many of these local nonprofits. We’re proud to continue to our work to support those families in need.”

At the award presentation, recipients discussed their programs, shared details about their needs and challenges, and outlined how they plan to use their grant.

Established in 1984, the REALTOR[®] Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS[®] (MIBOR). Through its work in transitional housing — which the Foundation defines as the step between emergency shelter and permanent homeownership — the organization partners with existing organizations to address homelessness throughout central Indiana.

Since 2003, the Foundation has invested more than \$600,000 in its mission 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.

Money was raised through annual events, like the REALTOR[®] Foundation Golf Outing, and from individual and corporate donations from the central Indiana real estate community.

Several of the 2011 award winners are new recipients of Foundation grants, expanding the Foundation’s regional reach to Hamilton, Hendricks, Hancock, Johnson, Shelby and Marion Counties. The award winners’ geographic and demographic areas of service, missions and specializations vary as greatly as the organizations’ plans for the Foundation funds.

Recipients include:

Christian Help, Inc. (\$10,000) offers supportive affordable housing through a life skills project in which each family helps to rehab a mobile home. Each family has an 18 month plan for home ownership.

Coburn Place Safe Haven (\$5,000) provides safe, affordable housing and supportive services to women and children who are homeless because of leaving abusive situations.

Dayspring Center (\$10,000) provides emergency and transitional housing plus supportive services to families.

Englewood Community Development Corporation (\$7,500) helps facilitate the redevelopment of vacant homes and relocation of households into the Englewood Neighborhood. Englewood CDC fosters a true community of care by providing quality and affordable home ownership and rental opportunities to its neighbors.

Gennesaret Free Clinic (\$5,000) 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.

Hancock Hope House (\$9,200) provides shelter services for families and single men from Hancock, Rush and Shelby counties.

Holy Family Transitional Housing (\$5,000) offers shelter and services to help families break the cycle of homelessness, providing the stability necessary to be successful in school, work and life.

Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center (\$15,000) maintains a unique program called Fostering Independence for young adults who have aged out of foster care and are homeless. Residents live in community and are provided with supportive services.

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 70 homeless participants battling mental health and substance abuse issues including 11 families.

Promising Futures of Central Indiana (\$5,000) provides shelter for abandoned, neglected, abused, homeless or pre-delinquent youth. Additionally, Promising Futures provides programs to meet the physical, social, emotional, educational and self-discovery needs of at-risk youth and their families in Hamilton and surrounding counties.

Sheltering Wings Center for Women (\$8,000) 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.

Stopover, Inc. (\$5,000) supports Indianapolis adolescents and their families through family crises by operating an emergency shelter and crisis intervention program for youth ages 11-17. The Stopover Transitional Living Program takes these services to the next level by helping older adolescents who are no longer able to live at home make a successful transition to independent living.

Turning Point Domestic Violence Services (\$5,000) 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.

To learn more about the REALTOR® Foundation, visit www.realtorfoundation.org.

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