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## Realtor Foundation issues grants

### MIBOR arm gives 11 Indy-area nonprofit providers funds for needed housing services

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Eleven Indianapolis area nonprofit service providers of critical, emergency and transition housing for the homeless were awarded a total of about \$90,000 this week from Realtor Foundation fund-raising.

Established in 1984, the Realtor Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors. Through its work in transitional housing, which the foundation calls the step between emergency shelter and permanent homeownership, the organization partners with existing organizations to address homelessness throughout Central Indiana, according to a news release.

Each year, the foundation looks to support the 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 release said.

Money was raised through annual events like the Realtor Foundation Golf Outing, and individual and corporate donations from the real estate community.

For the second year in a row, award recipient Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center will apply its \$7,500 gift toward Fostering Independence, a transitional housing program for teens who have aged out of Indiana's foster care system.

The six-time Realtor Foundation award alumni Sheltering Wings Center for Women will use its funds to continue its support of women and children rebuilding their lives after domestic violence, the release said.

Other grant recipients, according to the release, were:

- » Christian Help Inc. (Johnson County), which 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. (\$10,000).
- » Holy Family Transitional Housing (Marion County), a program that offers shelter and services to help families break the cycle of homelessness, providing the stability necessary to be successful in school, work and life. (\$10,000).
- » Hancock Hope House (Hancock, Shelby and Rush County), which provides shelter services for families and single men. (\$10,000)
- » John P. Craine House (Marion County), which provides an alternative sentencing residence for female nonviolent offenders with children under the age of five so that family unity can be preserved. (\$10,000).
- » Partners in Housing Development Corporation (Marion County), an organization that operates 350 units of affordable permanent supportive housing throughout Marion County. (\$10,000).
- » Gennesaret Free Clinic (Marion County), which runs the Health Recovery Program. Its goal is to

house men who have had hospital care during their recovery while providing supportive services on the road to permanent housing. (\$7,500).

» Pathway to Recovery (Marion County), which operates five housing programs providing a seamless continuum of care beginning with supportive housing and ending with permanent housing for more than 70 homeless participants battling mental health and substance abuse issues, including 11 families. (\$7,500)

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

» Desert Rose (Morgan, Johnson, Owen, Brown and Hendricks County), which gives women in Central Indiana and their children a safe, protected retreat from abuse, coupled with resources and guidance to help them rebuild their lives free from domestic violence. (\$5,000).

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