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REALTOR® Foundation Grants to Help Local Homeless Organizations in 2014 Grant applications due Aug. 30

INDIANAPOLIS – Each year, the REALTOR® Foundation distributes grants dedicated to central Indiana charities that provide critical housing to victims of homelessness. Today, the REALTOR® Foundation announced the start of the 2014 application cycle. Interested organizations should submit a grant application by **Friday, Aug. 30**.

As in the past, the funds will benefit organizations that assist a wide range of homeless individuals, such as recently emancipated foster children, men recovering from hospitalization, women and children who have been victims of domestic violence and mental health and addiction patients.

"The need for homelessness support services continues to be critical in central Indiana," said Gail Watts, 2013 REALTOR® Foundation president. "Last year, we were able to fund half of all of the grant requests and we're looking forward to another successful year supported by the strength and commitment of central Indiana REALTORS®."

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. To date, the REALTOR® Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million to central Indiana organizations.

The real estate community raised the funds allocated for the 2013-2014 grant cycle through individual and corporate donations.

Organizations interested in learning more about the Foundation's competitive grant process can visit www.realtorfoundation.org for more information or to download an application.

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