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#### **First families move into Legacy homes**

REALTORS® creating 32 residences for homeless families on the Near Eastside as part of  
2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Housing Legacy Project

**Indianapolis** - Today the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee announced a milestone on a key aspect of the Housing Legacy Project: eight formerly or at-risk homeless families have moved into homes that are being built or renovated as part of the ***Building a Living Legacy*** project which is sponsored by the REALTOR® Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR).

With this project alone, 32 single family homes and doubles, symbolic of the 32 NFL franchises, will be finished before the 2012 Super Bowl. So far, 12 residences are nearly complete. Overall, the Host Committee anticipates impacting more than 200 homes on the Near Eastside.

“The objective of the Super Bowl Legacy initiative is to make a lasting difference in people’s lives while improving the Near Eastside neighborhood,” said Mark Miles, chairman of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee. “The collaboration between MIBOR, the Near Eastside residents and the Host Committee is delivering on this objective. It’s gratifying to see at-risk families already benefitting from our efforts.”

Current residents have watched eagerly as abandoned houses have been renovated and new homes built on empty lots in the St. Clair Place neighborhood.

“We’re thrilled to welcome new families to our neighborhood,” said Sarah Dillinger, who has lived in the neighborhood seven years. “Positive changes are taking place every day, and we are grateful to be working with so many partners to make the neighborhood we love even better.”

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The REALTORS®' financial support of \$500,000 helped Indy-east Asset Development (I-AD) purchase the homes and lots for this project. With a mixture of renovation and new construction, the 32 residences will be rented to vulnerable families or families at-risk of being homeless.

The John H. Boner Community Center will then own and manage these homes and provide families with needed services including career development, financial coaching and other programs to enable families to remain self sufficient. All of the families served will be at 50 percent of area median income or less to be eligible for the program. The first families began moving into their homes in late March and early April. Six additional families are expected to move into homes later this spring.

“As REALTORS®, we are thrilled to be part of this project,” said Bill Hacker, a local REALTOR® and chair of the Centennial Cabinet, which oversees fundraising for the project. “To see the first families benefitting is so rewarding. It will be a proud day when we welcome all 32 families home.”

Other *Building a Living Legacy* partners include the City of Indianapolis, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, and the United Way of Central Indiana.

***About the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee***

*The purpose of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee, as defined by the NFL, is to centralize the planning and execution of the 2012 Super Bowl through one entity to ensure coordination of all efforts and community resources. The Host Committee serves as an extension to the National Football League in the local community, as the city's ambassador to incoming Super Bowl fans, guests, and corporations, and as a manager of local resources such as city services, event venues, accommodations, and thousands of volunteers. For more information, visit [www.IndianapolisSuperBowl.com](http://www.IndianapolisSuperBowl.com).*

***About the REALTOR® Foundation and Building a Living Legacy***

*Established in 1984, the REALTOR® Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR). MIBOR, the professional association representing central Indiana's REALTORS®, serves the needs of more than 6,500 members in Boone, Brown, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan and Shelby counties. Building a Living Legacy is a project of the Foundation in celebration of MIBOR's centennial in 2012. For more information, visit [www.mibor100.com](http://www.mibor100.com).*