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## **Goal line in sight as *Building a Living Legacy* project reaches midway point**

*Construction complete on 18 of 32 new, rehabilitated homes;  
neighborhood welcomes eight new residents*

INDIANAPOLIS (July 11, 2011) – Neighborhood and community leaders gathered today on the city’s Near Eastside to welcome new residents and announce that a portion of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Housing Legacy project – the ***Building a Living Legacy*** initiative – has surpassed the midway point and is on target to meet a December completion date.

“Building a Living Legacy is strengthening St. Clair Place by providing houses for families in a vibrant community poised for growth,” said Mayor Ballard. “The Super Bowl Housing Legacy Project is on track to position the City’s Near Eastside for continued revitalization. New residents are moving into homes in the neighborhood and building a foundation for the future.”

With a goal of building and renovating 32 homes in the St. Clair Place neighborhood to house formerly homeless families, officials from the REALTOR® Foundation announced that construction has wrapped up on 18 homes. A total of nine families have moved into new and improved housing units, including the Boykins family, who was on hand to celebrate the midway milestone.

“This new home means the world to me and my family,” said Donald Boykins. “We now have a clean and safe house, located in a community where so many people care. It gives all of us a sense of stability and comfort. It’s truly been a transformational experience.”

Boykins and his family moved into one of the first Legacy homes completed last year after spending years in substandard housing. All 32 units in the ***Building a Living Legacy*** project are targeted to serve low-income families and individuals who are either on the brink of homelessness or living in unsafe, unhealthy conditions.

“Today we have reached another milestone in the revitalization occurring on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis,” said Tony Mason, senior vice president of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee. “Residents and neighborhood leaders are working with partners like the REALTOR® Foundation to engage the community and activate this exciting resurgence. Revitalizing this neighborhood and helping families will be a part of our lasting, collective legacy.”

The ***Building a Living Legacy*** housing initiative is one component of the larger 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Legacy project, which involves a series of major capital investments across Indianapolis’ Near Eastside. The 32 new and rehabilitated homes were funded through a broad partnership involving the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Indianapolis, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and the United Way of Central Indiana.

Along with local and federal financing sources, the REALTOR® Foundation – the philanthropic arm of the Metropolitan Board of REALTORS® – donated \$500,000 toward the total \$4.5 million project as part of its 2012 centennial celebration.

“The goal with our Centennial project is to support the city we love and help the people we serve,” said Joyce Scotten, 2011 REALTOR® Foundation president. “To us, there is no better convergence of helping families and improving our community than the Legacy initiative.”

Scotten praised the work of Indy-East Asset Development (I-AD) and the John H. Boner Community Center for doing the “heavy lifting” on the Legacy housing initiative. The Boner Center and I-AD partnered to serve as the project’s lead, overseeing all of the housing construction and managing the social service programs for residents — including weeks of move-in preparation and financial training courses.

“The energy in the neighborhood is unmistakable,” said Katy Brett, executive director of I-AD. “Everywhere you look positive change is taking root, and the families coming into the neighborhood will provide the tangible stability to keep the progress alive.”

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