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REALTOR® grant awarded to Utah's Heart 2 Home The Utah County Association of REALTORS®

OREM, UT—The Utah County Association of REALTORS® will award a grant of \$10,000 to Utah's Heart 2 Home, a local non-profit organization that searches for projects that bring home assistance relief in Utah County.

“We're very excited to help this organization,” said Lerron Little, President of the Utah County Association of REALTORS®. “The funding for these grants comes from donations and real estate transactions performed right here in Utah County. It's inspiring to direct these funds to a worthy applicant.”

Utah's Heart 2 Home Foundation is planning to complete two projects in 2008; one in the Salt Lake area and one in Utah County. The UCAR grant will help the Utah County project. The recipients will be a father who was paralyzed in a sledding accident and is confined to one room in his house that has wide enough door ways to accommodate his wheel chair. Utah's Heart 2 Home plans to tear down and build a new house for this family. The Utah County project will be completed in less than 10 days.

“This is a wonderful housing assistance organization that fits our goals to make a difference in the community,” said Little.

The Utah Association of REALTORS® Housing Opportunity Fund grant monies are collected from caring Utah County real estate brokerages that choose to convert their earnest money trust accounts to interest-bearing accounts. The bank sweeps the account of the interest and sends a monthly check to UARHOF. The UARHOF director tracks the contributions by board. Donations are also gathered at events hosted by the UARHOF committee. When the money builds within a board, a UARHOF local committee does a press release, after which local nonprofit organizations may apply for grants. Local boards review applications and select those for approval. They are sent to the UARHOF Board of Trustees for review and approval. Once approved, the board will present an amount to the organization that is working with families in need.

“Utah's Heart 2 Home is a great organization in our local community,” said Chris Nichols, chairman of the Utah County UARHOF Committee. “This organization started from scratch just three years ago, has no paid administration and the projects they've completed with so many donations are amazing.”

The Utah Association of REALTORS® Housing Opportunity Fund Grants have been given previously to Habitat for Humanity, Center for Women and Children in Crisis, Community Action Services, Provo City Housing Authority, and Rural Housing Development Corporation. The total amount awarded in Utah County grants since creation in 2003 is \$77,000. Statewide, UARHOF has given \$452,000 in grants.

“Our real estate organization enjoys the opportunity to give back to the community,” said Nichols. “UARHOF grants become available at different times of the year and we encourage non-profits to apply for the assistance with housing related needs. We thank the brokerages and donations from REALTOR® members that partner in UARHOF and create these grants.”

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