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## **The Iowa Association of REALTORS® Foundation Donates \$25,000 to Children & Families of Iowa**

**CLIVE, IOWA (Sept. 19, 2008)** – The Iowa Association of REALTORS® (IAR) Foundation made a \$25,000 contribution to Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) at its annual auction Sept. 16 in West Des Moines. The donation is the first part of the IAR Foundation’s three-year, \$75,000 commitment to Children & Families of Iowa.

“Our gift will support survivors of domestic violence in finding affordable housing, an important part of helping them become self-sufficient,” explains Joan Ballantyne, president of the IAR Foundation. “We hope to help with items such as rent, down payment on a house, utilities and other expenses involved with making and maintaining a home.”

“Affordable housing is a significant barrier for many women and children who are no longer able to stay in their homes

due to domestic violence,” says Sheila Kinman, director of development and communications for Children &

Families of Iowa. “These funds will benefit many families across the state as they work towards living safe, self-sufficient lives free from abuse.”

The IAR Foundation was established by the Iowa Association of REALTORS® to offer financial support to fellow REALTORS® in times of crisis, and organizations working to improve the quality of life for Iowans facing great challenges.

Children & Families of Iowa is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring hope, building futures and changing lives for Iowa's children and families. In fiscal year 2007-2008, CFI reached more than 18,000 people across Iowa through its broad range of programs and services for at-risk families, individuals and children.



Martin Lee, chief executive officer of the IAR and Joan Ballantyne, president of the IAR Foundation present a \$25,000 donation to Sheila Kinman, director of development and communications for Children & Families of Iowa.

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