

# It Takes a REALTOR®

National Homeownership Month June 2006

## Homeownership Initiatives

To get additional helpful information, visit [www.REALTOR.org](http://www.REALTOR.org).

### Affordable Housing Tax Credit

NAR supports incentives to increase the supply of affordable single family housing. NAR is urging Congress to enact legislation providing a tax incentive in the form of a tax credit to developers and investors to enhance the supply of affordable housing. Get more information on NAR's Federal Advocacy Agenda, at [www.REALTOR.org/gapublic.nsf/pages/advocacyagenda](http://www.REALTOR.org/gapublic.nsf/pages/advocacyagenda)

### At Home with Diversity Certificate

This program aids REALTORS® in providing equal and affordable housing opportunities for all Americans as we rapidly become a more multicultural society. For many families, homeownership serves as a stepping stone to prosperity and the American way of life. More than 14,000 agents have received this certification that has helped them to better serve emerging cultural markets. Programs include Grassroots Activity, Smart Growth, Housing Opportunity and Legislative/Regulatory Issues.

[www.REALTOR.org/Diversity](http://www.REALTOR.org/Diversity)

### Housing Opportunity Program

The Housing Opportunity Program serves as a blue print for REALTORS® to become leaders in identifying, developing, advocating and promoting business opportunities, programs, products and resources that expand housing availability and ensure an adequate supply of housing opportunities.

[www.REALTOR.org/housingopportunity](http://www.REALTOR.org/housingopportunity)

### Habitat for Humanity

REALTORS® are committed to addressing the need for affordable housing in communities across the U.S. and around the world. Each year, we help one family in the Conference city area realize the American Dream through our partnership with Habitat for Humanity®. \$10 of the conference registration fee is applied towards the sponsorship of a home in that city.

[www.REALTOR.org/convhome.nsf/pages/habitat](http://www.REALTOR.org/convhome.nsf/pages/habitat)

### Improving the Effectiveness of FHA

NAR is a strong supporter of the single- and multi-family programs administered by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). However, FHA's market share has diminished considerably, threatening its ability to serve its public purposes. NAR is working with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to modernize FHA to enhance its effectiveness in today's mortgage marketplace.

[www.REALTOR.org/gapublic.nsf/pages/advocacyagenda](http://www.REALTOR.org/gapublic.nsf/pages/advocacyagenda)

### NAR Builds Leaders

The Community Outreach Department of NAR supports State and Local REALTOR® Associations in becoming leaders on community issues including diversity, smart growth, fair housing, land use, transportation, public schools and property casualty insurance. It also provides toolkits, education, matching funds and technical assistance.

[www.REALTOR.org/CommunityOutreach](http://www.REALTOR.org/CommunityOutreach)

### Nominate a "Good Neighbor"

*REALTOR® Magazine* is seeking nominations for its seventh annual Good Neighbor Awards. The program recognizes REALTORS® whose extraordinary commitment to community service has helped make their community a better place to live. In November, five winners will receive a \$10,000 grant for their community cause and will be announced in *REALTOR® Magazine* and other real estate media as well as at the NAR Conference. Nominations accepted through May 26, 2006.

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### REALTORS® Make a Difference State by State

For more information on how NAR, State, Local Associations and REALTORS®, individually or through foundations and special partnerships around the country are making a difference in homeownership, visit [www.REALTOR.org/hostory.nsf](http://www.REALTOR.org/hostory.nsf) or [www.REALTOR.org/HousingOpportunity](http://www.REALTOR.org/HousingOpportunity).