



# Centre County Association of REALTORS®

## A Heart For Service

Chances are you know a few Centre County REALTORS. Our members work hard to serve the real estate needs of our community. It's likely that you know us in other capacities, too, such as our volunteer and philanthropic efforts. REALTORS come with a heart to serve and that's exactly what we deliver.



**Steven Bodner**  
President CCAR

Throughout the year, the Centre County Association of REALTORS is involved in many programs to give back to the citizens of Centre County. These efforts include an annual food and fund drive for the Food Bank of the State College Area. Last spring CCAR raised \$1,085 and collected 1,065 lbs of food. Another annual drive is a Suit Cases For Kids collection, where new and gently used backpacks and suitcases are donated to foster care children.

Housing is dear to our hearts, so CCAR created the American Dream Housing Fund a few years ago. This fund is administered by the Centre County Community Foundation and once endowed at the \$100,000 level, will provide assistance to workforce housing recipients to help make housing more attainable. Our successful annual auction event raised over \$20,000, putting us two thirds of the way toward our goal. From this year's proceeds \$2,000 was donated to Housing Transitions for their renovation

and expansion of Centre House, an emergency housing shelter. Many of our members donate on a regular basis by contributing a portion of each sale to the fund. Community members are welcome to donate to the fund, too.

This month CCAR members are participating in REALTORS Reach Out Month, as proclaimed by Governor Rendell. On October 7th, Centre County REALTORS will combine forces with community leaders and volunteers to give a face lift to Centre County United Way partner agency offices and facilities through the Day of Caring. From landscaping cleanup, to exterior painting, to fixit jobs of all types, this beautification effort will raise awareness of the partner agencies and provide their staff, volunteers, and clients, an even more pleasant environment. Additionally, throughout the month of October and into November, area REALTORS will hold a Toys For Tots collection. Please feel free to drop off donations at area real estate offices to help us with this drive. Finally, each of our members contributed to a Community Services Fund and CCAR has chosen four local causes who will receive \$500 donations.

These are just a few of the ways Centre County's REALTORS give back by pouring time, effort, talents and funds into our community through volunteer and philanthropic activities. Please be sure to support our members and utilize a REALTOR for your real estate needs.