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## **REALTOR DAVID PAP RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR CHAF HOMELESS WORK**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (October 23, 2008) —Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage New England is pleased to announce that Cambridge resident David Pap, sales associate of the Coldwell Banker Huron Avenue office in Cambridge, was recognized as a finalist for *REALTOR*<sup>®</sup> Magazine's 2008 Good Neighbor Awards, by the National Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup> (NAR).

The Good Neighbor Awards program, now in its ninth year, recognizes Realtors<sup>®</sup> who generously volunteer their time to help others. These Realtors<sup>®</sup> often donate countless hours and dollars to organizations that help those in need and make their community a better place to live.

Pap was one of 10 Realtors<sup>®</sup> to receive this national recognition for his work with the Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund (CHAF). Pap is the co-founder and chair of CHAF, which helps homeless and near-homeless families by providing one-time grants and matching funds for initial rental costs like security deposits or last month's rent – funds that are difficult for working low-income families to save. The average cost to help a family avoid eviction is \$670, and can prevent families from ending up in the state shelter system, which can cost \$37,000 per year. Since 1999, CHAF has raised more than \$1.2 million and helped more than 1,300 families to find or remain in their homes. Pap will receive a \$2,500 grant to benefit CHAF.

Most recently Pap has been involved in preparing for CHAF's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraiser *Home Sweet Home*, a Dessert and Port/Wine Tasting to Open Doors for the Homeless, to be held on November 14, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge. Celebrity Chefs will compete for Best Dessert awards and there will be dancing to Toussaint and the China Band. CHAF's 2008 goal is to raise more than \$200,000 to help 225 at-risk households to escape or avoid homelessness. For more info about CHAF or to buy tickets to *Home Sweet Home*, visit [www.CHAFund.org](http://www.CHAFund.org) or call 617-354-5678.

“The Good Neighbor Awards is our way of thanking our most outstanding Realtor<sup>®</sup> volunteers, who are not only making a difference in the lives of many, but also are helping build stronger, healthier communities,” said NAR President Dick Gaylord. “We are extremely proud to recognize David and are truly inspired by his enthusiasm and commitment to giving back to the community in which he lives and works.”

Pap is a top producing agent with 21 years experience in Cambridge area residential sales. He was judged for this award based on his personal contribution of time as well as the leadership and commitment he has shown by encouraging individuals and businesses to help end homelessness.

“We are extremely proud of David's success in building CHAF and giving back to his community,” said Rick Loughlin, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage New England. “His relentless dedication and commitment to those in need truly represents the best of this organization and we are honored that he is a member of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage team.”

The National Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup>, “The Voice for Real Estate,” is America’s largest trade association, representing 1.2 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

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