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South Metro Denver Realtor Association Conducts 18th Annual Toy Drive to Benefit Boys and Girls Clubs throughout Metro Denver
SMDRA Members Raise \$9,000 in Toys, Gifts, and Donations as Caring Realtor Group Continues its Dedication to Helping Charitable Organizations

DENVER – The South Metro Denver Realtor Association (SMDRA) held its 18th Annual Toy Drive to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of metro Denver on Friday, December 15, 2017 at the Realtor group’s headquarters in Littleton. SMDRA members and contributors collected more than \$9,000 worth of toys, gifts and donations that will be enjoyed by needy children at 17 Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the metro area. Major contributors included The Berkshire Group, Equity Colorado, and Murphy Home Inspections.

Toys and donations brought to the SMDRA office during a special Holiday Brunch held on Friday, December 1, 2017, were subsequently delivered to the CBS4 Together 4 Colorado Toy Drive at the King Soopers store at Yale and Colorado Boulevard on Friday, December 15, which was hosted by CBS4 anchor Britt Moreno.

“All Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver locations are open to boys and girls age six through 18 years old for only two dollars a year,” said Marcel Savoie, 2018 SMDRA Chair Elect. “The clubs provide a safe haven after school for kids as well as programs to help them succeed academically and to enjoy success throughout their lives. SMDRA and the National Association of Realtors are proud to partner with the Boys and Girls Club and help provide a home away from home for children in need.”

SMDRA initially partnered with the Boys and Girls Club in 2015 as a show of solidarity with the National Association of Realtors, which formed a joint effort with the national Boys and Girls Clubs of America to help provide kids with a ‘home away from home.’ This was a personal project for 2016 NAR President Tom Salomone, and this was the third year that SMDRA has partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver.

The Holiday Brunch and Toy Drive were coordinated by the SMDRA Charities and Community Involvement Committee, which is dedicated to supporting non-profit organizations with housing related endeavors to raise the quality of home life for individuals and families in the South Metro Denver Community.

Attending on behalf of SMDRA to present the toys were; 2018 Chair-Elect Marcel Savoie; 2018 Past Chairman Lynn Snyder Goetz; Donna Evins, 2018 SMDRA Treasurer; Holly Duckworth, 2018 Chair of the Charities and Community Involvement Committee (CCIC); Larry McGee, SMDRA Colorado Association of Realtors Director; Members of CCIC included Lisa Arteseros, Diane Mueller, and Vicky Opipari; Additional attendees included Melissa Maldonado, SMDRA CEO, and Debbie Calahan, staff liaison to Charities. Toy transportation services were provided by Ilan Levy of Exodus Moving and Storage.

Realtor members of SMDRA subscribe to the National Association of Realtor's strict Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice, which is dedicated to protecting consumers in the real estate transaction. The code requires Realtors to identify and take steps to eliminate practices which may damage the public or which might discredit or dishonor the real estate profession. As local business owners and residents, Realtors are vested in building healthy and vibrant communities across the country. SMDRA members have made extraordinary commitments to improving the quality of life in their communities through volunteer work and by supporting a variety of charitable organizations.

For more than 70 years, SMDRA has provided real estate professionals with the resources they need to help them grow and prosper in the real estate business. For more information, visit www.smdra.com.

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