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REALTORS® To Assist Southeast-Michigan Flooding Victims

Lansing, Michigan (August 16, 2021) – Michigan REALTORS®, the Dearborn Area Board of REALTORS®, the Detroit Association of REALTORS®, the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS®, and the REALTORS® Relief Foundation will be providing housing assistance for qualified applicants residing in the counties of Wayne and Washtenaw. This REALTORS® relief initiative is in response to the substantial rainfall and resultant widespread flooding in late June of this year.

Over the weekend of June 25th, areas across Metro Detroit were hit by 5-7 inches of rain, resulting in flooded roadways, stranded motorists, damaged homes, and displaced residents. The above organizations have activated the REALTORS® Relief Foundation to provide financial relief to those impacted by the flooding. This relief may be utilized for a qualified applicant's mortgage payment or monthly rent if they experienced property damage due to flooding.

In response to the hardship that many are now facing, the REALTORS® Relief Foundation has \$100,000 available for individuals and families directly affected by the June 25-26th flooding. Applicants will need to verify that they reside within the State of Emergency Zone as declared by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Financial assistance will be provided to cover one month's rent or mortgage payment for qualified applicants in an amount of up to \$1,000 per household until the available funds are fully allocated.

2021 Michigan REALTORS® President, E'toile Libbett, expressed sympathy for those who now face enormous challenges brought on by the flooding. "Those who reside in these communities have had their lives dramatically changed by this crisis. We wanted to do our part to alleviate some of the housing insecurity brought on by the flooding. We are proud to be able to show our support and provide some financial assistance during this difficult time."

If you have been directly affected by the Wayne and Washtenaw County Flooding over the weekend of June 25th and are located within the boundaries of the State of Emergency Zone, please reach out to one of the following associations to obtain an application. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2021.

Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® - relief@gpbr.com or www.gpbr.com/relief
Dearborn Area Board of REALTORS® - dearbornrelief@gmail.com
Detroit Association of REALTORS® - detroitassociation@gmail.com

Each applicant will need to provide:

1. Photo Identification that proves your place of residence.
2. Copy of Mortgage Statement or Renters Statement.

One of the following will be required to show proof of damage:

1. Photos of Damage.
2. Insurance Estimates.
3. Copies of Written Claims, Settlement Proceeds or Claim Status Reports.
4. Copies of Repair Estimates from Contractors.

The Michigan Realtor® Relief Fund is an organization established to provide housing-related assistance to victims of disasters. Michigan Realtors® has actively supported communities in times of need including the Mid-Michigan Dam Breaches (2020), the Houghton County Floods (2018), victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico (2017), Flint Water Crisis (2014-2016).

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