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Local REALTOR® a National Finalist

CHERRY HILL, NJ – The Burlington Camden County Association of REALTORS® (BCCAR), located in Cherry Hill, is pleased to announce our congratulations to BCCAR member, **David C. Forward**, REALTOR® from Weichert, REALTORS®, Medford, NJ on recently being named a Finalist for the National Association of REALTORS® "Good Neighbor Awards."

Out of more than 300 nationwide entries, 10 finalists were chosen and 5 winners will be selected. This award recognizes the ongoing efforts of REALTORS® who make exceptional contributions as volunteers to improving the quality of life for those less fortunate. Nominees were judged on their level of personal contribution of time, as well as financial and material contributions to benefit their cause. To be eligible, nominees had to be members in good standing of NAR. The winners will receive travel expenses to the REALTORS® Conference & Expo in San Francisco, CA in October, national media exposure for their community cause and a \$7,500 grant for their cause. In addition, five honorable mentions will receive a \$1,500 grant.

Fourteen years ago, David Forward founded the International Children's Aid Foundation, which currently supports more than 200 orphans in Romania. ICAF built and operates its own orphanage, *Casa Emanuel*, which the Romanian

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government has called "the finest childcare facility in the country". The foundation also assists state run orphanages through early childhood education programs and provides job training and life skills classes for teenage street kids and orphans who will be released from state care at age 18. David has escorted more than 60 volunteer trips to Romania since 1991, often-bringing doctors, dentists, physical therapists and teachers to apply their skills towards the crushing needs of Romania's orphans. He personally raised 50 percent of ICAF's annual \$180,000 budget, set up a dental clinic open to the entire town and opened a printing business to provide jobs to some of the orphans as they enter adulthood. Best wishes and continued success to David and his generous efforts.

The Burlington Camden County Association of REALTORS® represents some 3,700 real estate sales professionals throughout the two-county area and is the local branch of the New Jersey Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of REALTORS®. For more information, on this award or BCCAR, call the Association's Cherry Hill-based office at 856/489-4401 or visit them on the web at www.bccar.us.

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