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REALTORS® Give Back

December 2009—The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® (GGAR) has given back to the community again this year by presenting local charities throughout the area with much needed items, including monetary donations, toys, and canned goods. The donations were offered at GGAR's annual Holiday Luncheon, which was held on December 8 at the Meridian Ballroom on the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville campus.

"This event gives us a sense of accomplishment and a heartwarming feeling of gratitude. We are fortunate and proud to offer our assistance to those in need, especially during the holiday season," said Rick Edwards, Chairman of the Board of GGAR.

The organizations assisted through this effort are the Bethalto Ministerial Alliance, Collinsville Area Ministerial Association, Community Care Center (Granite City), Crisis Food Center (Alton), His Kids, Inc. (Highland), Ministries Unlimited (Troy), Oasis Women's Center (Alton), Riverbend Family Ministries (Wood River), Staunton Food Pantry, Staunton Lion's Club, Thanks (Edwardsville/Glen Carbon), and Toys for Joy (Greenville).

The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® serves over 1,200 REALTOR® and affiliate members in the southwestern Illinois region including the counties of Bond, Calhoun, Fayette, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and Montgomery. The Association strives to promote education, professionalism, and ethical conduct in the real estate industry, to continue to be an advocate for the protection of property rights, to assist in providing Americans with safe and affordable housing, and to further the interest of residential and other real estate property ownership.

Photo 1: Jill Cummings, Chair of GGAR's Programs Committee, Jill Cummings, presenting a cash donation to Riverbend Family Ministries

Photo 2: Gifts under "giving tree"