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## **REALTORS® Renewing America**

Springfield, Illinois — Heeding President Barack Obama's call for a renewed spirit of public service and inspired by his Renewing America Together campaign, the Illinois Association of REALTORS® (IAR) has announced a new campaign of volunteer service to help Americans achieve and maintain safe and decent housing.

Through the REALTORS® Renewing America campaign, the association will serve as a clearinghouse for new and ongoing REALTOR® volunteerism related to housing and will offer specific volunteer opportunities and projects for REALTORS®.

The program grew out of a desire by IAR leadership to recognize the Inauguration of President Obama, who previously served as the Senator of Illinois and has always expressed a special interest in housing issues. The program will be promoted throughout the 2009 calendar year.

The Illinois Association of REALTORS® is a voluntary trade association whose members are engaged in all facets of the real estate industry. In addition to serving the professional needs of its members, the Illinois Association of REALTORS® works to protect the rights of private property owners in the state by recommending and promoting legislation that safeguards and advances the interest of real property ownership.

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.