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REALTORS® HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FUND HELPS CHARLESTON HABITAT
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The REALTORS® Housing Opportunities Fund (RHOF) is helping Charleston Habitat for Humanity (CHFH) after the affiliate's trailer and tools were stolen on June 6, 2006. The affiliate will receive a grant of \$2,500 at a presentation on Friday, June 09, 2006 at 3:30pm at the 2009 Groveland Avenue worksite in North Charleston, where the staff is currently working to complete a home for the Field's family.

The trailer, which was parked in a Meeting Street lot, was loaded with tools that the affiliate used to carry out its mission of building homes for low to moderate-income working families. The trailer and tools were worth about \$4,000. The monies received through RHOF will assist the organization in replacing the trailer and some tools.

The check presentation ceremony will be attended by Ms. Sharon Kucharski, Chair of RHOF, and Ms. Sara Connie, Charleston Trident Association of REALTORS® staff liaison of RHOF, along with the staff of Charleston Habitat.

Dr. Browning, Ph. D., the Executive Director of CHFH, states that "We are so excited to receive this grant from RHOF. We will be able to replace certain tools and our trailer allowing us to continue building a home on F Street in Charleston that will go to a mother of three. The community has amazingly supportive and we are thrilled that our construction scheduled will not be delayed."

The REALTORS® Housing Opportunities Fund was established to create an endowed fund from which grants can be distributed to Lowcountry organizations who assist in the development, maintenance, or repair of housing for those whose dreams of homeownership are challenged by our regions increasing sales prices.

For more information about RHOF, please visit www.charlestonrealtors.com. If you would like to help CHFH, please call 722-7145 or visit www.charlestonhabitat.org.

Charleston Habitat for Humanity provides affordable homeownership opportunities for working families in the cities of Charleston and North Charleston. Families can qualify for either homeownership rehabilitation or affordable new construction homes. Homeowner payments, contributions from individuals and businesses, grants and foundations, and volunteer labor support our construction and rehabilitation programs.