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**Southeast Valley Regional Association of REALTORS® has won the prestigious 2016 Community Outreach Award**

**Mesa (October 31, 2016)** – The Arizona Association of REALTORS® (Arizona REALTORS®) held its annual Leadership Conference on October 13 in Phoenix, where state and local association officers were installed for the upcoming year. The event also served as an opportunity to recognize members for leadership and volunteerism.

Arizona REALTORS® also recognized its own for excellence in community service with the 2016 Community Outreach Awards. In the association category, **the SouthEast Valley Regional Association of REALTORS® (SEVRAR)** was recognized for battling homelessness by working together to remodel a home as a part of the House of Refuge organization.

“Our honorees have made a significant impact within the industry, association and our communities,” said Arizona REALTORS® 2016 President Paula Serven. “It’s our privilege to recognize these members for their many accomplishments.”

SEVRAR will donate the \$2,000 award money to **the House of Refuge organization**. Nancy Marion, Executive Director commented that the funds will be used towards enhancing the community center programs and “after school care” related services. “One of the main purposes of the Community Center is to provide a “safe” house for the children after school. Fifty percent of our families have histories of domestic violence, it is important to begin building trusting relationships and safe harbors. By offering consistent, nurturing environments and safe areas the children begin to trust and grow. ”

**About SEVRAR**

The SouthEast Valley Regional Association of REALTORS® (SEVRAR) is located in Mesa, AZ and serves over 12,000 members in the SE Valley. Our goal is to support the communities in which our members live, work and play, and together, promote and protect the quality of life enjoyed throughout the SE Valley. For further information, please visit <http://SEVRAR.com> ###



### **About The House of Refuge**

*House of Refuge* is a faith-based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is providing transitional housing and supportive services to homeless families. House of Refuge is not only a transitional program, but also a social services and work program. Experienced staff are here to assist every participant in the successful transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

### **About The Arizona Association of REALTORS®**

The Arizona Association of REALTORS® represents more than 44,000 members who hold active real estate licenses and subscribe to a strict Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice established by the National Association of REALTORS®. In addition to providing a number of member benefits and services including risk management, education and a legislative voice, the association is dedicated to the protection of private property rights for all Arizonans.

