

## WEICHERT AGENTS HELP PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services is please to announce that they have recently purchased and preserved their 18<sup>th</sup> unit of affordable housing in Fairfax County. Serving the community since 1974, Good Shepherd Housing is a 501(c)(3), charitable agency that prevents homelessness, provides community support and promotes the potential for self-sufficiency.

Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services has purchased three of these 18 units utilizing a partnership with Weichert Old Town agent Bob Kuletz. Kuletz is serving his first term on the Board of Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services and is active on the Housing Committee that helps select appropriate units to pursue and purchase. Acting as a professional volunteer, Kuletz deferred any commission earned back to the agency. These funds can them be used to directly help client families or to make further improvements to the property. "Our relationships with Bob and Weichert Realtors is a great example of engaging professional volunteers to meet our mission and help the community," said Shannon Steene, Executive Director of Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services.

Additional Weichert agents are also actively involved in helping GSHFS preserve affordable housing to be available for low-income households. These include Weichert Belle View agents Mike Downie and Joe Clovis (both active on the GSHFS Housing Committee) as well as Weichert Mt. Vernon agent Joyce Clevenger, who has helped GSHFS purchase numerous affordable units.

"The involvement of so many real estate professionals is phenomenal. Everyone has a different role and together we are making a difference," says Steene.

For information on Good Shepherd Housing, please call 703-768-9404 or visit [www.goodhousing.org](http://www.goodhousing.org)

Photo Caption Shannon Steene, Executive Director of Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services is presented a check by Weichert Broker Michael Turk while Realtor Bob Kuletz looks on.

