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Realtors® make the dream of playhouse ownership a reality for Boys & Girls Clubs



From left to right: Brian Slattery of Hampshire Towing, Rocco Leone with MassHousing, Lou Mayo, President of the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley, Oneida Fuentes with MassHousing, Elizabeth Daly, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicopee, Sue Drumm, Secretary of the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley, Ben Scranton, Chief Executive Officer of the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley, Kyle Brunault of Hampshire Towing, and John Michon, longtime volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee.

Springfield, MA, November 9, 2016—Earlier this fall, the Community Service Committee of the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley spent three days building playhouses for the Chicopee and Westfield Boys and Girls Clubs. With crayons and markers the children designed their own playhouses. The custom designs were shared with the volunteers who spent hours sawing, hammering and painting in an effort to make the dream of playhouse ownership a reality.

“Everyone who participated gave it everything they had and the finished product exceeded our expectations,” said Sue Drumm, Secretary of the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley and a longtime member of the Community Service Committee.

“The dedication and thoughtfulness of the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley has made a huge impact on our playground,” said Kellie Brown, Director of Operations for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield. “I am so thankful for the talented people who had a hand in giving such as gift to the youth of our Club,” she added.

“The Club members are totally enjoying the playhouse and the opportunities for such creative play. The Club staff are also enjoying decorating the playhouse for the season and holidays,” said Elizabeth Daly, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee. “The Club sincerely thanks the Realtor® Association for this generous gift,” she added.

Hampshire Towing in Belchertown donated space for the build and volunteered to deliver the playhouses to the Boys & Girls Clubs. When the house arrived in Westfield, the kids ran to the window and jumped up and down while watching a large crane carry their playhouse through the air and into their play yard. The volunteers were so touched, they plan on building additional playhouses next spring.

Organized in 1915, the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley (RAPV) is a professional trade organization with 1,700 members. RAPV members serve 68 communities in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties. RAPV is one of 1,200 local chapters of the National Association of Realtors®. The term Realtor® is a registered trademark for use exclusively by members of the National Association of Realtors® whose members subscribe to a strict code of ethics.

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