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Commercial Brokers Association Holds Second Annual Bike Tour to Benefit Caritas Communities, Raises \$10,000

BOSTON -- The Commercial Brokers Association (CBA), a division of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, held its second annual CBA Bike Tour to benefit Caritas Communities, a Boston-based non-profit organization that provides affordable housing to the Greater Boston community.

The bike tour, which took place last month, offered a 25-mile and 50-mile route, beginning and ending at 300 Baker Avenue in Concord, Mass. The event raised \$10,000 towards Caritas Communities and was sponsored by Meredith & Grew and Normandy Real Estate Partners.

"The CBA has a long history of charitable giving," said John Lafferty, executive director of the CBA. "Under the leadership of committee chair Steve James, CBA Charity Bike Tour continues to grow: in number of riders, corporate sponsors and dollars raised."

CBA Charity Bike Tour Committee organized this successful event in support of Caritas Communities. The CBA committee members are: John Lafferty, executive director of the CBA, Grace Parlee of McCall & Almy, Mary Kelly of Meredith & Grew, Dan Cordeau of Jones Lang LaSalle, Bob Gibson of CB Richard Ellis, Peter Richardson of Jones Lang LaSalle, Mark Winkler of Caritas Communities, Andy Dean of Margulies & Associates, Donna Repko of Herman Miller Inc., Noah Hano of Grubb & Ellis, Peter Nichols of The Beal Companies, Steve James of NAI Hunneman Commercial, Jennifer Nicholson of Grubb & Ellis, Eric Schlager of The Bullfinch Companies, Brandon Kelly of R.J. Kelly Companies, and Julie Gray of McCall & Almy.

"Caritas does important work, in providing housing for the working poor," said Steve James, CBA committee chair. "I am proud that CBA continues to play a role in supporting the mission of Caritas Communities."

P. Leo Corcoran of the John M. Corcoran & Co. real estate firm founded Caritas Communities in 1985. Together with members of the Greater Boston real estate community and other concerned citizens, the organization set out to create affordable housing for working men and women by purchasing, renovating and professionally managing single-room occupancy buildings.

CBA, which represents more than 350 members of the commercial brokerage community throughout Massachusetts, is committed to educating, promoting professionalism and encouraging the sharing of ideas and knowledge for its members.