



News Release

Realtor® Volunteering Works Program Announces 2017 Mentoring and Grant Recipient

WASHINGTON (June 1, 2017) – *REALTOR® Magazine* and the Good Neighbor Society have announced the five recipients of the ninth annual Volunteering Works grants and mentoring program, which matches Realtors® who work on small-scale charitable efforts with mentors and awards them grant money and one of the five was our own local Ocala/Marion County Association of Realtors®, Karen Cunningham, Fontana Realty, Ocala Florida!

As one of the five Volunteering Works recipients, Karen will receive a \$1,000 seed grant and a year of one-on-one mentoring from a member of the Good Neighbor Society, which is comprised of past recipients of the National Association of Realtors®' annual *REALTOR® Magazine* Good Neighbor Award for volunteer service.

“Realtors® have an extraordinary reach into their communities. Many of them guide, mentor and volunteer in the places they live and work, and these Volunteering Works recipients are improving lives in ways that will continue far beyond 2017,” says NAR president William E. Brown, a second-generation Realtor® from Alamo, California and founder of Investment Properties.

The Volunteering Works recipients were selected based on their devotion to their communities through volunteer work and the potential for their good works to be expanded or improved with the help of an expert mentor. Their mentors are past winners of the Good Neighbor Awards, the highest honor that NAR awards to Realtor® members who are involved in community service.

Volunteering Works is generously funded by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. “Wells Fargo values volunteerism and giving back to the communities we serve,” says Senior Vice President/Executive Director of Wells Fargo Housing Foundation Martin Sundquist. “We are excited to sponsor Volunteering Works, a program that recognizes and celebrates Realtors® who are making a difference in their communities.”

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The 2017 recipients of Volunteering Works grants and mentoring are:

Karen Cunningham, Fontana Realty, Ocala, Florida

Since 2013, Cunningham the board president of **Marion Therapeutic Riding** has helped provide therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with mental, physical and emotional disabilities include autism, Alzheimer’s and multiple sclerosis. Cunningham’s goal is to create a steady source of revenue by establishing two major annual fundraising events. She will receive guidance from her mentor, 2014 Good Neighbor Gail Doxie of RE/MAX Realty Group in Fort Myers, Florida, about creating compelling fundraising events and engaging board members.



To learn more about Volunteering Works or the Good Neighbor Awards, go to www.nar.realtor/gna.

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