

Massachusetts Association REALTORS® Honors

North Central Massachusetts REALTOR® with Good Neighbor Award

The North Central MA Association of REALTORS® member Denise Wortman recognized for her community service

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – September 29, 2022- [The Massachusetts Association of REALTORS®](#) (MAR) announced Denise Wortman, a REALTOR® from EXIT New Options Real Estate, as the 2022 MAR Good Neighbor Award winner, honoring her commitment to raising money and working with Habitat for Humanity. The award was presented at the MAR's Professional Awards and Recognition Dinner, which was held earlier this month at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in Falmouth.

Wortman currently serves as Chairperson of the Development Committee for Habitat for Humanity North Central Mass., following her eight-year tenure on the Board of Directors. Throughout her 15 years volunteering with the organization she has raised \$101,274 through organizing golf tournaments, Taste for Home events, and two breakfast events. Since the beginning of last year, Wortman has volunteered more than 120 hours and recruited over 280 hours' volunteer work from others. Within the organization, she is also involved in building and sustaining community involvement, securing volunteers for home builds and projects, and maintaining a relationship between Habitat and EXIT New Options Real Estate, which provides ongoing marketing and support for projects in the area.

"We are pleased to present Denise with the 2022 Good Neighbor Award. Denise is crucial member of Habitat for Humanity and critical to fulfilling their mission," says Theresa Hatton, CEO of MAR. "Denise had made lasting impacts on her community and has made it a better place for all. Her volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity, along with the other work she does makes her a role model for other REALTORS® and the community."

Wortman's responsibilities in her current role include raising funds, finding volunteers, and creating programs that help families in the North Central Region of Massachusetts to have safe, decent, and affordable places to call home. Within the past 18 months, Denise's leadership on the Development Committee enabled Habitat for Humanity to raise funds and galvanize volunteers to complete homes in Athol and Hubbardston, as well as 26 critical home repairs to maintain affordable housing stock in the region.

Currently Director for North Central MA Association of REALTORS (NCMAR), Wortman is actively involved in several local organizations, also serving as a member of the North Central Chamber of Commerce, the NewVue Community Home Ownership Advisory Group, and as a member and former president of the Fitchburg Rotary Club.

Established in 2004 and presented annually, the MAR Good Neighbor Award recognizes REALTORS® who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to community service through volunteerism and civic and charitable contributions that improves the lives of residents and make their community a better place to live.

Nominations are accepted from REALTORS®, industry practitioners, charitable organizations, and the 13 local REALTOR® associations in Massachusetts. The selection of the award recipients is made by the

MAR Awards and Recognition Committee. The award recipient receives a commemorative trophy and a grant from the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® in the name of their designated charity.

Also presented at MAR's Professional Awards and Recognition Dinner were the 2022 Milton H. Shaw Distinguished Service Award and the 2022 MAR REALTOR® of the Year Award. To learn more about these recipients and the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® visit www.marealtor.com.

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