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## **MORE THAN \$35,000 RAISED AT BALTIMORE'S FIRST REAL ESTATE GAMES BENEFITING JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH**

*Approximately 350 real estate professionals gathered at CCBC to partake in activities including basketball, lacrosse and tug-of-war*

Baltimore, MD (June 21, 2010) – More than \$35,000 was raised at the recent 2010 Real Estate Games, a collaborative effort involving the Maryland Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDEF), Maryland/DC/Northern Virginia Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) and NAIOP-Maryland, in which approximately 350 local real estate professionals participated.

Benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), the inaugural event consisted of an Olympic-style competition featuring competitive events including basketball, scooter soccer, lacrosse, dodge ball, tennis and tug-of-war, among others. Additional “less active” contests were Wii bowling and Mario Kart. The games were staged at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC).

James Lighthizer, SIOR, whose immediate family was impacted by the effects of juvenile diabetes, was one of the primary organizers for the 2010 Real Estate Games. The principal of Chesapeake Real Estate Group, along with JDRF of Maryland, modeled the local effort after the success of the Washington-area competition which has been held for several years.

“All real estate professionals have a high degree of demands placed on their time and resources, so it was gratifying to see such a strong and enthusiastic turnout for this inaugural fund-raising effort,” James Lighthizer stated. “Our industry is unique with the friendly rivalries and competition that exists between competing real estate organizations, and this spirit shined at the Real Estate Games. All of our goals were met from a fund-raising and participation standpoint,” he added.

Rob Bavar, President of NAIOP-Maryland explains that, despite being sandwiched between a number of other activities and events, members of his group still considered the Real Estate Games a priority. “NAIOP-Maryland was motivated by the importance of this fund-raising effort and supported this effort organized by many of our peers. Our 35-years and under Developing Leaders group, in particular, answered the call and provided energy and passion,” the Vice President of Bavar Properties Group added.

Real estate organizations certify its members with the SIOR designation, a professional symbol of knowledge, production and ethics in the real estate industry. Real estate professionals who hold the SIOR designation are recognized by corporate real estate executives and brokers as the most experienced and capable practitioners in their market.

NAIOP-Maryland has more than 330 members and is comprised of individuals working for real estate development companies, brokerage firms and affiliated companies such as financial institutions, architectural firms and engineers. For additional information, visit [www.naiopmd.org](http://www.naiopmd.org)

JDRF's mission is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. JDRF is also committed to developing new and better treatments that improve the lives of people with type 1 diabetes in the near term and keep them healthy while we advance toward a cure.

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