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# PRESS RELEASE

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Life Skills receives \$5,000 from REALTORS® Housing Assistance Fund  
*Grant will be used to help individuals with disabilities move into their own homes*

**St. Louis, December 21, 2007:** Life Skills has been named as a \$5,000 grant recipient from the REALTOR® Housing Assistance Fund, Life Skills reported Friday. Funds will be used to help Life Skills' Community Living participants move into their own homes and apartments in the St. Louis area.

"Homelessness is a reality faced by many individuals with disabilities in our community," said Life Skills President Wendy Sullivan. "This generous gift from the Realtor Housing Assistance Fund will help a number of individuals avoid the cycle of homelessness, and will support them in becoming neighbors and participants in their respective communities."

Life Skills' Community Living Program provides opportunities for individuals, regardless of the severity of their disability, to live as independently as possible. Services often include providing help with personal budgets, safety training, housekeeping, personal care and nutrition. Training takes place in the participant's home, and is tailored to meet individual needs. Services may range from 24 hours a day, seven days a week to just a few hours each month. Life Skills served more than 450 participants through Community Living in the last 12 months.

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*Life Skills assists people with disabilities to live and work with dignity in our community. Through living in their own homes, finding and keeping jobs and accessing their community and making friends, individuals can achieve their goals and participate in society in a way that they choose. For more information about Life Skills, visit [www.lifeskills-stl.org](http://www.lifeskills-stl.org).*

The Realtor® Housing Assistance Fund, a not-for-profit corporation, was formed in 1989 by the St. Louis Association of REALTORS® in response to the growing concern in the region for the homeless population. To date, REALTORS®, along with friends from the public, have raised more than \$500,000 in grant funding for area charities.

Life Skills was founded in 1964 and currently serves more than 1,400 adults and teens with disabilities in St. Louis City and St. Louis, St. Charles and Franklin counties.

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From left to right: John Williams, 2008 President of the St. Louis Association of REALTORS®; Wendy Sullivan, Life Skills President; and Wendy Cromer, REALTOR® Housing Assistance Fund Chairman

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