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IREM president's message: You gotta have friends!

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IREM Boston Metropolitan chapter #4 recently held its annual golf tournament at Granite Links Golf Course located in Quincy. This annual golf tournament is our chapter's major fund raising event of the year which enables us to donate and contribute to local charities, industry scholarships, and other worthy causes. This year, more than ever, we were skeptical about how successful our golf event would be based on the financial difficulties and hardships individuals and businesses have been experiencing. We were truly fortunate this year as our golf tournament was as successful as it has been in past years due largely to the sponsorships and participation we received from the Friends of IREM, our board, and our membership.

Friends of IREM are a wonderfully diverse group of select professionals and vendors who have a proven track record of offering quality services and goods to the real estate industry. Friends of IREM support the Boston Metropolitan chapter through participation and financial contributions to chapter sponsored events and educational offerings. In return, the Friends of IREM are offered a unique opportunity to directly network with their target audience - real estate professionals.

IREM Boston would like to recognize the following Friends of IREM and sponsors who made our golf tournament such a great success:

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- *ARS Services;
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- *Sordillo Electric;
- *The Hamilton Company; and
- *United Solutions.

As an added benefit to those participating in the tournament this year, IREM Boston hosted our first annual vendor exposition in the halls of Granite Links. As golfers returned from a scintillating day of golf and camaraderie, they were greeted by an assortment of zealous professionals eager to enlighten them on unique and beneficial service opportunities along with appetizers and refreshments. Our many thanks to 3Phase Elevator, Able Restoration, ADS Environmental, ARS Services, Certa Pro Painters, Eco Clean Systems, Harvey Industries, Littlefoot Energy, Maintenance Products Corporation, McCullough Stievater & Polvere, LLP, Pro-Care, Inc., RELCO Electric, RMX Northeast, Inc., RTK Environmental Group, ServiceMaster by Gilmore, Spot On Network, and Thayer & Associates for their enthusiasm in working with us to create this event and for their participation.

The recipient of this year's IREM Boston Metropolitan chapter 4 golf tournament charity donation is the IREM Foundation.

The IREM Foundation, established in 1977, is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) public foundation. The IREM Foundation is committed to attracting, developing, and retaining individuals for careers in real estate management. Whether aspiring to achieve an IREM credential and/or looking to enrich knowledge, the IREM Foundation is committed to helping individuals reach their professional development goals. Cost doesn't have to be an obstacle - the IREM Foundations has a wide array of scholarships available to help alleviate the financial burdens associated with higher education. The donation made to the IREM Foundation by IREM Boston Metropolitan chapter 4's golf tournament will be specifically earmarked to fund scholarships and grants for individuals residing in the jurisdiction serviced by IREM Boston Metropolitan chapter 4.

By creating new scholarships and grants and expanding others the IREM Boston Metropolitan

chapter 4 and the IREM Foundation are investing in the attraction of young people into the business, developing and nurturing future leaders, and encouraging a more diverse workforce. To learn more about the great opportunities available to you through the IREM Foundation, please visit www.IREM.org or www.IREMBOSTON.org for more information.

On behalf of IREM Metropolitan Boston Chapter 4, I would also like to thank the professional and accommodating staff of Granite Links, IREM chapter 4's board members, all the volunteers, and golfers who made this event so spectacular.

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