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Greater R.I. Chapter 88 earns high honors at Chapter Star program

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Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) Greater Rhode Island Chapter No. 88, one of 93 IREM chapters worldwide, received high honors in IREM's Chapter Star Recognition Program. The chapter, serving Rhode Island and parts of Massachusetts, was recognized for a variety of initiatives it undertook in 2011.

- * Sponsoring Education full and half day Seminars and Brown Bag Workshops
- * Supporting local charities
- * Assisting Property Managers to seek designation as Accredited (ARM) and Certified Property (CPM) Managers
- * Offering Scholarship Funds through the Greater Rhode Island Chapter IREM restricted fund for those seeking designation.
- * Co-sponsoring Networking Event with NEAHMA
- * Providing leadership training in support of chapter and industry-wide goals.

Commenting on the group's recognition as a Five Star chapter, (2011) president Richard Hitt, CPM, senior manager from Phoenix Property Management, said "It is the efforts of many members that earns us such a high honor. As a IREM chapter we look to promote a professional real estate management organization that supports quality management to owners. Providing educational opportunities that addresses trends and changes in the industry is what our members want. It is good to know that we are meeting their needs."

The Chapter Star Recognition Program recognizes IREM chapters for providing valuable member services and programs. The program awards points for specific activities based on criteria that define effective, successful chapters; some activities are required, others are elective. Then, based on total points earned, chapters can achieve One, Two, Three, Four, or Five Star Status.

IREM Greater RI Chapter No.88, with a current membership totaling 208, was founded in 1977 and this year celebrates it's 35th anniversary

The Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) is an international community of real estate managers across all property types dedicated to ethical business practices and maximizing the value of investment real estate. An affiliate of the National Association of Realtors, IREM has been a trusted source for knowledge, advocacy and networking for the real estate management community for more than 77 years.

IREM is the only professional real estate management association serving both the multi-family and commercial real estate sectors and has 80 U.S. chapters, 13 international chapters, and several other partnerships around the globe. Worldwide membership includes nearly 18,000 individual members and over 535 corporate members.

IREM promotes ethical real estate management practices through its credentialed membership

programs, including the Certified Property Manager (CPM) designation, the Accredited Residential Manager (ARM) certification, the Accredited Commercial Manager (ACoM) certification, and the Accredited Management Organization (AMO) accreditation. These esteemed credentials certify competence and professionalism for those engaged in real estate management. IREM also offers CPM Candidate, Associate, Student, and Academic memberships. All members are bound by the strictly enforced IREM® Code of Professional Ethics.

Collectively, CPM® Members in the United States manage nearly \$2 trillion in real estate assets, including 11.4 million residential units and 10.4 billion net square feet of commercial space. To learn more about the IREM and its chapter network, call (800) 837-0706, ext. 4650 (outside the U.S. call (312) 329-6000) or visit www.irem.org.

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