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## **SIOR annual golf tournament raises \$5,000 for Friendship Home's Bridges to Work program**

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Shown (from left) are: Heather Wahle, director of development; and Friendship Home members Katie Doyle and Jacqui Draper.

Newton, MA SIOR held its annual spring golf outing at the Brae Burn Country Club, a networking event for existing members while introducing potential candidates to the organization.

SIOR is a community of 3,400 professionals across 42 countries that are certified in the real estate industry for business ethics, knowledge and production in their profession. The accreditation of SIOR indicates a mastery of foundational principles and ethics. As such, it is highly respected by

brokers, real estate executives, agents and lenders.

The SIOR host organizer for the event was Kelleher & Sadowsky.

SIOR believes in work through excellence. The Bridges to Work program at Friendship Home in Norwell was selected as the beneficiary of the event underwritten by Dacon's Designed with Dignity philanthropy. Work gives purposefulness, encouraging individual identity and group socialization. It internalizes dignity and self-worth.

Friendship Home's goal is to bring together and enrich the lives of all community members. Alongside community-based employment, Friendship Home offers socialization and respite care to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. There are currently 56 members within the employment program, which is targeted to grow an additional 30% this year.

Local businesses utilizing the Bridges to Work program include Stop & Shop, Curry Hardware, Burtons Grill, Younger University, The Tinker's Son and Kappy's Fine Wines & Spirits. Proceeds totaling \$5,000 are paying for a trainer to teach work skills and transportation to jobs.

Approximately 2,400 individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities live in Southeastern Mass., with 200 from Cape Cod to Fall River utilizing Friendship Home's services.

Brae Burn Country Club - Newton, Mass.

“Thank you to the members of SIOR for supporting this program. Bridges to Work supports individuals with developmental disabilities to explore their personal interests and career plans, set goals and build the necessary skills to fulfill their potential and live happy, purposeful lives. As employees, our members contribute to a business’s culture and operational efficiency. Our members give much more to local businesses than simply work skills. When individuals with intellectual and developmental challenges are integrated into the workplace, the value of community is highly apparent,” said Andrea Pyke, president & executive director, Friendship Home.

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