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WINDERMERE SUPPORTS THE YMCA

PALM DESERT (Calif.) – February 19, 2011 – Windermere Real Estate supports a great number of the desert's community services throughout the year, with both formal company-wide activities and fundraisers, and with individual agent contributions of time, effort and money.

On Thursday, February 17, Don Rossignol of Windermere's Palm Desert office at 44-530 San Pablo took pleasure in presenting to the YMCA a donation of \$5,000 from The Windermere Foundation. "We have always been a major sponsor to the YMCA, and we're proud of the tremendous work it does within our community," says Bob Deville, Windermere Coachella Valley co-owner.

Critical services provided by the YMCA include after-school education and safety, youth and government programs, pre-school, a venue for birthday parties and other events, and camps for kids. Located at 43-930 San Pablo Avenue in Palm Desert, the facility is the desert's sole location since the YMCA on E. Mesquite in Palm Springs closed several years ago.

Windermere Real Estate Coachella Valley has long supported the YMCA, with company-wide events dedicated to restoring and updating of the facility. "We're coming through some rough times for lots of families here," says Deville. "The YMCA has always been here for our youth, and Windermere and its agents appreciate the chance to give back."

The Windermere Foundation, a non-profit organization formed in 1989, is funded with a percentage of each Windermere sales transaction. Combined with contributions from Windermere employees and supporters, the Foundation has distributed over two million dollars annually in recent years to local non-profit agencies furnishing emergency and transitional housing. These funds help to subsidize costs for health care, employment counseling, placement and training, day care, scholarships, and much more.

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