



## ***THE GREATER PROVIDENCE BOARD OF REALTORS®***

### ***WHO ARE WE***

Established in 1907, we are the oldest and largest REALTOR® Association in Rhode Island. We are a professional trade association for real estate agents that works to promote homeownership and to enable our members to successfully conduct their real estate business with integrity and competence and to promote the REALTOR® Code of Ethics. An agent becomes a REALTOR® when he or she elects to join a Board. We are one of 1,700 REALTOR® Associations in the U.S. affiliated with the National Association of REALTORS®, *The Voice for Real Estate®*.

### ***WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REAL ESTATE AGENT AND A “REALTOR®”?***

Both would be licensed by the state. However an individual who is a “REALTOR®” is a real estate professional who is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® and can call himself or herself a REALTOR®. Members are licensed to use the logo in connection with their real estate business and adhere to a strict Code of Ethics, which is based on professionalism and protection of the public. There are over 6,000 real estate agents in Rhode Island and 4,000 of them are REALTORS®.



### ***OUR MISSION***

“Our mission is to serve our members by developing and promoting programs and services that enhance their ability to conduct their individual businesses successfully, ethically and professionally. We shall encourage cooperation among members, promote a positive Realtor image within the community and be a proactive advocate for real property rights and homeownership.”

### ***OUR OFFICE***

The Board office is located at 365 Eddy Street, Suite 1, in Providence, Rhode Island.

### ***OUR STAFF***

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## ***A BRIEF HISTORY***

- 1907 Greater Providence Board of REALTORS® founded as the Providence Real Estate Exchange.
- 1972 Greater Providence Board, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Association of REALTORS®, establishes the nation's first Statewide Multiple Listing Service.
- 1983 Greater Providence Board establishes a Legal Hotline.
- 1989 Greater Providence Board and City of Providence awarded the Community Housing Initiative Award.
- 1991 Greater Providence Board establishes the "Revolving Land Acquisition Fund" with Stop Wasting Abandoned Property (SWAP).
- 1992 Greater Providence Board partners with Stop Wasting Abandoned Property (SWAP) and the Local Initiative Support Coalition (LISC) for Princeton Place Cooperative, 13 units of affordable cooperative housing.
- 1993 United States Conference of Mayors and National Association of REALTORS® selects Greater Providence Board and City of Providence for outstanding affordable housing efforts.
- 1994 Greater Providence Board is awarded The Fannie Mae Foundation's "Partners in Housing" Award in Washington, D.C.
- 1995 New England Society of Association Executive awards Greater Providence Board its Outstanding Achievement Award.
- 1999 Greater Providence Board joins the National Association of REALTORS® "NRDS" (National REALTOR® Database) System. This system allows for the efficient maintenance of membership records electronically between Boards.
- 2000 Greater Providence Board members enjoy the benefits of increased access, increased productivity and increased exposure of listings as MLS converts to an Internet-based system.
- 2001 Greater Providence Board establishes its website: [www.gpbor.com](http://www.gpbor.com).
- 2002 Hasbro Children's Hospital dedicates room to Greater Providence Board of REALTORS® in honor of its contributions.
- 2005 Irving H. Levin Scholarship established in honor of its Past Board President, REALTOR® of the Year and Past State Association President. The scholarship fund enables a Veteran to establish a career in real estate.
- 2005 Board establishes Statewide Cultural Diversity/Equal Opportunity Committee to increase diversity in the REALTOR® membership, promote fair housing practices and to increase REALTOR® involvement in minority communities.
- 2006 Board contributes \$12,000, from the proceeds of its Charity Golf Tournament to the REALTOR® Relief Foundation to aid the survivors of Hurricane Katrina.
- 2006 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Charity Golf Tournament, which has raised \$152,000 for the Child Life Program at Hasbro Children's Hospital. The Child Life Program creates a sense of normalcy in the lives of terminally ill children and their families.
- 2007 Board celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 100 years of excellence in providing programs and services for our members.
- 2007 In conjunction with the RI Association of REALTORS®, Board is awarded a National Association of REALTORS'® Diversity Grant to fund an awareness campaign on predatory lending.
- 2008 Board selected as the Ambassador Association to the country of Nicaragua. This program will serve our members by expanding their global business networks and international real estate activities.