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Higgins Group Real Estate to Open Trumbull Office in Association with Gunther Homes, Inc.

Grand Opening to benefit Habitat for Humanity
July 23rd, 5pm - 7pm
5767 Main St, Trumbull

Ribbon cutting at 6pm by First Selectman Ray Baldwin

Food sponsored by Bob Bourassa's Custom Catering

Bar sponsored by The Mortgage House, LLC

The opening of the Higgins Group Trumbull office in Association with Gunther Homes, Inc., at 5767 Main Street will be the fourteenth Higgins Group office since its inception in 1997 by owner Rick Higgins. An Exclusive Affiliate of Christie's Great Estates for the Westport/Fairfield Region, the Higgins Group was founded with the firm belief that an agent's family always comes first; and the golden rule is "to be genuine, hard working and loyal to each other, our clients, and our community". The Higgins Group is a full service custom real estate brokerage and has over 350 real estate agents who are professionally trained and licensed and can assist in all Fairfield County Real Estate transactions.

It is with pleasure that Fred Gunther, President of Gunther Homes, Inc., joins Rick in establishing a Trumbull presence. Gunther Homes has been a family oriented Trumbull "tradition" since opening in the 1940s by Fred's father Carl. Fred will be a managing partner of the Higgins Group Trumbull office along with Chris Bacoulis, managing partner of the Higgins Group Shelton office. Chris has grown the Huntington Center location to over 20 agents since opening in 2007 and brings with him an extensive marketing background.

With the grand opening of the office on July 23rd, The Higgins Group and Gunther Homes will establish the beginning of a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County (HFHCFC), a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat is a housing ministry working to eliminate substandard housing and create

homeownership possibilities for motivated low-income families. Habitat affiliates, partner families and volunteers have built over 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people in 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. Locally, HFHCFC has built 138 homes, serving over 600 people and has sent volunteers and completely sponsored two homes in the devastated Gulf Coast region.

In their 24th year, HFHCFC will complete a landmark historic renovation of an 1891 brick brownstone into 12 condominiums so that 12 hard working families will be able to celebrate the 2009 holiday season as new homeowners. The affiliate will also begin building eight affordable townhouses in Stamford later this year.

About the Event

The grand opening event will take place at the Higgins Group Trumbull office, 5767 Main St, July 23rd from 5pm - 7pm. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place by First Selectman Ray Baldwin at 6pm. The event will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County.

Food for the evening will be sponsored by **Bob Bourassa's Custom Catering**, 203.269.9266.

Bar sponsored by **The Mortgage House, LLC**, 203.521.6852.

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