

## DeLew Provides Support for Teen Organization



Bridging the gap between personal and business interests can often prove difficult. However, Mike DeLew, SIOR, Colliers International, Las Vegas, Nevada, has done just that. For the last three years, DeLew has organized the

SIOR Southern Nevada Chapter's golf tournament that has raised close to \$100,000 for the non-profit organization Street Teens.

### Street Teens Project Begins

The organization opened its doors in October 2001. Street Teens is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization dedicated to assisting homeless, abandoned, and at risk youth, ages 12 to 21, in the Las Vegas Valley. Its primary goal is to meet the survival needs of youths by providing basic necessities in a safe, compassionate environment. Street Teens is able to provide access to educational, health care, and employment resource services through a drop-in center and by actively collaborating with community partners. The organization does not discriminate on the basis of gender, religious affiliation, national origin, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

### Mission Embedded in Motto

Street Teens approach motto is embodied in the acronym S.T.R.E.E.T.:

**Survival**-Provide immediate support to help them survive.

**Trust**-Build relationships based on mutual respect and trust.

**Resources**-Provide the resources they need.

**Education**-Provide education and opportunities to rebuild self-esteem.

**Empowerment**-Empower them to move forward. The Results—

**They**-Become Effective members of their communities.

### Service and Help

The teens that are helped by this organization typically moved into a high risk street life over a period of time and rarely by their own choice.

Therefore it takes time, resources, commitment and a personalized step-by-step approach to help them move off the streets.

### SIOR Golf Tournament

By organizing the SIOR Golf Tournament, DeLew has been able to provide the resources to purchase ID cards, birth certificates, sheriff's cards, clothing, school supplies, backpacks, bus passes, medicine, and countless hot meals for the teens in the program. Spending more than 100 hours volunteering with the organization since 2006, DeLew is in not only involved in fundraising through the Golf Tournament but lends his time and efforts throughout the year to help the organization and its at risk teens.

## Deadline

Cooperative Transactions are due no later than January 16, 2009 to be eligible for 2008 awards.

Complete and submit yours today.