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Local Realtor Association Announces First Annual Good Neighbor Award Winner *\$1000 awarded to CT Brain Tumor Alliance*

(Hartford, Conn., April 26, 2021) – The Greater Hartford Association of Realtors® (GHAR) is proud to announce that Susan Shimkus Lemkuil, a Realtor® with SML Real Estate, Inc, is the first annual recipient of the 2021 GHAR Good Neighbor Award in recognition of her charitable work on behalf of the CT Brain Tumor Alliance (CTBTA). The award recognizes a Realtor® who has made an extraordinary impact on their community through their volunteer time and talents.

Lemkuil, a brain tumor survivor, has advocated for the CTBTA for over 14 years and has since helped raise meaningful dollars along with countless volunteer hours to support CTBTA, a charity that offers the community four programs in which to assist: patient outreach, patient assistance, brain tumor research and brain tumor program support. As part of the award, CTBTA received a check for \$1000, provided by the GHAR Foundation.

“Susan is the epitome of what this organization is – she models heart, passion and perseverance and is so well deserving of this award,” states CTBTA Executive Director, Chris Cusano.

“On behalf of GHAR’s membership, we are so proud to present this award to someone as deserving as Susan. The impact of her selfless volunteer work is a great example the kind of commitment to communities that many Realtors provide,” states GHAR CEO, Holly Callanan.

The GHAR Good Neighbor Award program is organized by the Community Involvement Committee of GHAR with criteria provided by the National Association of Realtors®.

Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance

The Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance, Inc. ("CTBTA") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing hope and support to brain tumor patients and caregivers, while advancing brain tumor awareness, quality of care, and brain tumor research. www.ctbta.org

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