



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:  
Lemard Freeman  
Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.  
973-401-5578  
[freeman@weichertrealtors.net](mailto:freeman@weichertrealtors.net)

## Everything Went to Pieces at Document Shredding Day Event

### WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Pillar Northwest Hosts Free Shredding Event; Collects Items for Local Charity

BELLEVUE, Wash. / May 10, 2017 – WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Pillar Northwest recently transformed its 36<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot in Bellevue into a gigantic shredding area to help local residents safely discard paperwork with personal or sensitive information. The May 6<sup>th</sup> event, which was free and open to the public, brought a steady flow of area residents to the Weichert® office who were interested in turning their personal documents into ticker-tape parade material.

WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Pillar Northwest and its event partner, Guild Mortgage, also collected clothing and toiletry items, as well as financial donations, at the shred-a-thon to donate to Mary's Place, a Seattle-based non-profit organization that assists the homeless. Donated items included: socks and underwear, baby wipes, diapers, dental floss, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant.

"We were thrilled to see so many people take advantage of our free document shredding day," said Lara Germino, the owner/broker of WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Pillar Northwest. "We were even more excited to collect a ton of donated clothing and toiletry items for Mary's Place. We can't thank the community enough for supporting this incredible organization."

WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Pillar Northwest is a full service agency serving residents in the Seattle metropolitan area. The office, which joined the Weichert national franchise network last year, is an independently owned and operated Weichert affiliate.

For more information about WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Pillar Northwest, located at 14100 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 120, in Bellevue, contact Lara Germino at 425-577-6280 or visit [www.pillarnorthwest.com](http://www.pillarnorthwest.com).

###



Volunteers from WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Pillar Northwest, both big and small, were on hand at the May 6<sup>th</sup> shred-a-thon.



Clothing and toiletry items were collected at a May 6<sup>th</sup> document shredding event sponsored by WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Pillar Northwest and Guild Mortgage. The items were donated to Mary's Place, a local non-profit organization.

**About Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.:** Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. has grown steadily since Jim Weichert, president, chairman and CEO of Weichert, Realtors, launched the company's franchise division in 2001. The affiliate division was created to offer a business model for franchisee ownership candidates described as "a clearly defined operating system for marketing and managing a real estate business." Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. announced its first affiliate in 2002, was ranked as one the top traditional residential real estate franchises in *Entrepreneur's* 2017 Franchise 500 and is identified in 2017 by *Franchise Business Review* as one the top U.S. franchises. Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. has offices serving over 300 markets in 39 states. For more information about Weichert, visit [Weichert.com](http://Weichert.com) or for information on franchise opportunities visit [WeichertFranchise.com](http://WeichertFranchise.com).

*Each WEICHERT® franchised office is independently owned and operated.*