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From left to right: Peter Pagonis, Director of Homeownership; Robert Rocchio, Mortgage Originator; Kyle Seyboth, Keller Williams Realty; Jay Guthin, Assistant Director, Homeownership. Photo: Michael Brown

Rhode Island Housing Names Kyle Seyboth of Keller Williams Realty 'Realtor of the Quarter'

Providence, RI (August 24, 2015) – Rhode Island Housing last week recognized Kyle Seyboth of Keller Williams Realty with its Realtor of the Quarter Award for the first and second quarters of 2015. This is the third time Seyboth has been honored with the award for connecting homebuyers with the Rhode Island Housing Loan Center.

“Rhode Island Housing is proud to recognize Kyle Seyboth for his outstanding achievements connecting Rhode Island families to our safe, affordable mortgages,” said Barbara Fields, Executive Director of Rhode Island Housing. “Working with our partners, Rhode Island Housing is building a bridge to the middle class and helping more families achieve the dream of homeownership.”

Representatives of Rhode Island Housing presented Seyboth with a plaque to honor his back-to-back achievements on Wednesday, August 19 at Keller Williams’ Cumberland office. The award

recognizes the realtor who has provided the most first-time homebuyers with Rhode Island Housing's safe, affordable FirstHomes mortgages during the previous quarter. Rhode Island Housing's FirstHomes mortgage options offer flexible, dependable loans for first-time homebuyers to help families buy and keep the home that is right for them.

"I am excited to be named Realtor of the Quarter," said Seyboth. "As I tell my clients, in today's real estate market you have to work with professionals you can trust. Just as my clients trust me and my expertise to find their dream home, I know I can trust the Loan Center at Rhode Island Housing to make sure that families have the right loan to help them buy and keep that home."

As the state's principal housing agency, Rhode Island Housing has helped nearly 65,000 Rhode Island families buy their first home by offering loans for first-time homebuyers, current homeowners and those looking to finance necessary home improvements to maintain their home. No matter where homebuyers are on their path to homeownership, Rhode Island Housing's Loan Center staff is ready to help them achieve the dream of owning their own home.

Seyboth, a lifelong resident of Seekonk, Massachusetts, has served the southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island market with Keller Williams Realty for four years. He has extensive experience as a real estate investor, a property manager and in negotiating real estate transactions. He is currently based in Keller Williams' Cumberland office.

"We are seeing steady improvement in Rhode Island's housing market," said Peter Pagonis, Rhode Island Housing's Director of Homeownership. "Rhode Island Housing's overall closing mortgage volume is up about 85 percent year over year. As the number of families in the market for their first home increases, Rhode Island Housing looks forward to deepening relationships with our real estate partners."

As of July 30, 2015, Rhode Island Housing had closed on 662 loans, compared to 367 during same timeframe in 2014.

Seyboth said it is the job of realtors to spread the word about opportunities that will assist others in achieving their homeownership goals.

"Many people have dreams of homeownership and it is our job as realtors to help make those dreams come true. In the Loan Center, I have found allies who dedicate themselves to helping all Rhode Islanders reach those dreams with their suite of loan options and dedication to customer service," added Seyboth.

For more information on Rhode Island Housing's entire suite of home loan options, including FirstHomes mortgages, visit loans.rhodeislandhousing.org.

About Rhode Island Housing

Together with its partners, Rhode Island Housing works to ensure that all people who live and work in Rhode Island can afford a healthy, attractive home that meets their needs. Rhode Island Housing uses all of its resources to provide low-interest loans, grants, education and assistance to help Rhode Islanders find, rent,

buy, build and keep a good home. Created by the General Assembly in 1973, Rhode Island Housing is a privately funded public purpose corporation.

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