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### **Valery Neuman Helps UNICEF With Home Sweet Home**

**RANCHO MIRAGE (Calif.) – July 30, 2011** – Windermere agent Valery Neuman, Broker Associate with the Indian Wells Luxury Homes office, is thrilled with her beautiful, handmade quilt, named ‘Home Sweet Homes.’ Not only can it provide winter warmth for those chilly nights; it will warm the heart for years to come!

Patrice Healy’s fifth grade class at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School in La Quinta designed and constructed a one-of-a-kind quilt which they planned to auction and donate the proceeds through UNICEF to earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan. Since 1946, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has been providing emergency food and healthcare to children and mothers in developing countries.

The quilt, consisting of individual panels first drawn onto 5” x 7” cards and then transferred onto fabric, represents what each of the 39 students envisioned might be a home in a particular part of the world.

Along the way, Ms. Healy learned from a UNICEF representative that funds were no longer being collected for Japan...but UNICEF’s good work is never done! So the class completed their personalized work of art and when it was finished, offered it at auction...and with Valery Neuman’s \$500 contribution to UNICEF, the quilt found its own ‘Home Sweet Home.’

Valery: “I’m completely thrilled with my beautiful quilt! Not only is it a piece of art in its own right; it represents the love and dedication of a great group of children who are already learning at a very early age the joy brought by helping others.”