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Commercial Industrial Brokers Society of L.I.: Looking for ways to give back to the community

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The Commercial Industrial Brokers Society (CIBS) is an organization originally formed to enhance communication within the Long Island commercial-industrial real estate brokerage community. Its members come together in order to strengthen and unite the industry into a cohesive group while advocating the practice of professional standards.

The CIBS organization, which is celebrating its tenth year, has worked to secure and maintain the

most positive image while working to foster the economic development of Long Island.

CIBS is especially proud of its work with a number of charitable organizations. We are currently in our second year of a multi-year agreement with The Ronald McDonald House of L.I. whose mission is to provide families of children with serious illnesses a "home away from home" so that they can be close to their child during treatment at local hospitals. CIBS continues to be a strong supporter of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Several of the board members and the majority of CIBS membership donate their time and efforts to package and deliver toys

and food to over 100 families in need during the holiday season. This year Big Brothers Big Sisters have selected me as honoree at its annual golf outing.

CIBS continues its active participation as a member of the board of directors of the Long Island Partnership. The Long Island Partnership is committed to helping businesses thrive on Long Island by using their influence plus incentives to induce outside firms to commit to Long Island.

CIBS is always looking for ways to give back to the community. Our board of directors and our members are very mindful of helping less fortunate Long Islanders. CIBS members enjoy many ben-

efits such as complimentary breakfast seminars where guest speakers discuss topics of importance; annual industry networking dinner; connection and dialog with other brokers; listing in member directory and on the CIBS' website; continuing education discounts and more. CIBS associate members receive free table displays at the annual member/associate member party; informative regularly scheduled seminars; free articles in the CIBS newsletter and website link in CIBS printed and on-line directories. CIBS membership fees are very reasonable.

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