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**Shriver Center Presented with “Cy Pres” Award  
Resulting from Landlord-Tenant Litigation**

*Donation from Berton N. Ring, P.C., will benefit anti-poverty work*

Chicago, IL – (March 25, 2015) – Attorneys from Berton N. Ring, P.C., a boutique consumer and commercial litigation firm, gathered on Thursday, March 12 to present a \$19,000 cy pres award to the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. Cy pres awards are residual funds in class action cases that are unclaimed or cannot be distributed to the class members. Under the cy pres doctrine, courts can distribute these residual funds to appropriate charitable causes.



*Photo (L to R) Mary Vendiola, John Bouman, Berton N. Ring, and Stuart M. Clarke at the cy pres check presentment.*



The award arose out of a class action lawsuit, *Riley v. Dixie Garden Homes, Inc.*, originally filed in 2011 by Berton N. Ring, P.C. The case alleged multiple violations of the Illinois Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act including failure to pay interest on a security deposit, attempt to enforce illegal lease provisions, wrongful eviction, both statutory and common law fraud, and more. Following settlement and payout to the class, the remaining settlement funds were presented to the Shriver Center.

“We are elated to be able to donate such a substantial amount to the Shriver Center,” said Berton Ring. “The legal work they do at every level truly has a profound impact on the lives of those living in poverty, and we are glad we can help them further that mission.”

“The Shriver Center is grateful for this generous award, made possible by Berton N. Ring, P.C.,” said John Bouman, President of Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. “Cy pres awards play an important role in our ability to provide effective advocacy to improve policies, programs and lives of people living in poverty right here in Illinois and nationwide.”

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Berton N. Ring, P.C. is a boutique litigation firm that has been providing aggressive and effective legal representation to individuals and businesses in civil matters since 1982, with specialties including consumer law, housing, real estate, commercial and probate matters. Founder and lead attorney Bert Ring is one of the leading practitioners of residential litigation in Chicago.  
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