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## **Winter Garden's Nicholas Pilz Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Nov. 7, 2012) – Nicholas D. Pilz, SRA, of Winter Garden, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's November "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region X.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region X consists of Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Pilz is a member of the East Florida Chapter.

"Nicholas Pilz is an excellent ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Sara W. Stephens, MAI. "We're privileged to have members like Nicholas who actively contribute to the real estate valuation profession and to their local communities every day."

Pilz serves as East Florida Chapter Treasurer and will serve as vice president in 2013. He has been the Region X Government Relations Committee chair since 2011. He was chapter secretary in 2011 and Government Relations Committee chair from 2009-2010. He also served on the Appraisal Institute's Leadership Development & Advisory Council committee from 2009-2011. He became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 2005 and received his SRA designation in 2010.

He is associate vice president of Capstone Valuation Advisors, LLC in Maitland. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 12 years.

Pilz supports the Children's Hope Center, a non-profit for orphaned children, based in Honduras.

He is married to Adrienne Pilz; they are expecting their first child in January.

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