



Ottawa REALTORS® Give \$18,260 to Covid-19 Stressed Charities

OTTAWA, June 16, 2020 – As Covid-19 continues to put pressure on the province's already stretched shelter system, Members of the Ottawa Real Estate Board (OREB) are pleased to be able to support seven charities in our local community by providing \$18,260 in emergency grant funding to assist with service continuity. This funding is part of a \$480,000 donation made by the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) that will be distributed by the Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation (ORCF) to shelters, food banks and shelter-based charities.

"The impact of Covid-19 has been felt around the world with vulnerable populations being disproportionately affected," states Deborah Burgoyne, Ottawa Real Estate Board President. "We are thrilled to be able to support seven of our local charitable organizations as they navigate through this challenging and unprecedented time. Many of them are experiencing a decrease in income, and we hope that this donation will help them cover some of the unexpected costs."

The Ottawa-area emergency grant recipients are:

- Ancoura
- A New Day Youth and Adult Services
- Bruce House
- Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre
- Hospice Care Ottawa
- Jericho Road Ministries
- Lanark Highlands Youth Centre

ORCF's funding will be distributed to more than 50 charities across Ontario. The ORCF is an organization that has supported shelter-based organizations throughout Ontario since 1977. It receives its funding through the generosity of Ontario's REALTORS®, who have shown time and again that their hearts are in the communities across the province where

they live and work, contributing as valuable members of those communities in innumerable ways.

"Now more than ever, our local communities and shelters need our support," said Kevin Crigger, President, Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation. "This funding is consistent with the socially responsible leadership that OREA, its 37 Member Boards and its REALTOR® Members provide to the Ontario communities they serve. When the Covid-19 health crisis is behind us, Ontario REALTORS® and the ORCF will still be there, as they've been for more than 40 years, raising money to support our local charities."

The donation is being redirected from [OREA's one-time \\$5 million dollar grant to the Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation](#) made earlier this year, facilitating a faster and direct distribution of funds at a time of need. To donate to the Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation today, visit www.realtorscareontario.ca.

About the Ontario Real Estate Association

The Ontario Real Estate Association represents 80,000 REALTORS® who are Members of the 37 real estate boards throughout the province. OREA's mission is to help Ontario REALTORS® succeed in building stronger communities. For almost one hundred years, OREA has promoted higher standards in real estate for the benefit of consumers and REALTORS® alike. As one of Canada's largest professional associations, we are Ontario's strongest advocate for home and property ownership, property rights, and prosperous communities. OREA serves its REALTOR® members through the production of Standard Forms, top-tier advocacy, award-winning leadership development and other services.

About the Ontario REALTORS® Care Foundation

The Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation, formerly the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) Foundation was established in 1967. The Foundation supports shelter-based charitable organizations across Ontario, making a difference in the lives of people and communities where REALTORS® live and conduct business.



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The Ottawa Real Estate Board is Ottawa's largest trade association with over 3,200 sales representatives and brokers in the Ottawa area. Members of the Board are also members of the Ontario Real Estate Association and the Canadian Real Estate Association.