



# Ottawa REALTORS® Give \$77,359 to Shelter-Related Charities

**OTTAWA, December 18, 2020** – Members of the Ottawa Real Estate Board (OREB) raised \$77,359 for the Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation in 2020 and provided grants to 22 shelter-related charities in Ottawa and the surrounding areas.

OREB's Annual Charity Golf Tournament was cancelled due to the pandemic, so all funds donated this year were raised through the Board's "\$2 per member per month" campaign, where OREB Members contribute funds each month towards the REALTORS Care® Foundation.

"This pandemic has brought the world to its knees. Our society's most vulnerable - who were already suffering from hunger, poverty, lack of shelter etc. - have been affected even more profoundly. The charities that support them have even greater stresses on their shoulders, compounded by lack of funding as the economic implications of Covid-19 batter their resources and income," states OREB's 2020 REALTORS Care® Committee Chair Tony McDermott.

The 22 charities endorsed by our Members assist local area residents who may not have adequate shelter along with those who may be dealing with homelessness, addiction, mental or physical illness, spousal or familial abuse, physical disability, poverty, or ageing.

"We would like to give our humble gratitude to these charities which support those in our

communities in need of their vital services. They are the unsung heroes who truly deserve our thanks, and we are fortunate to have the ability to help them in their mission to serve those who need a helping hand," shares OREB 2021 President Debra Wright. "Our REALTOR® Members can often be found giving generously of their time, energy, and earnings to local charitable organizations, which I believe is our duty and responsibility to the communities in which we live and work."

The 2020 Ottawa-area grant recipients are:

- Ancoura
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County
- Bruce House
- Centre 454
- Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre
- Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa
- Harmony House
- Hospice Care Ottawa
- Interval House of Ottawa
- Jericho Road Christian Ministries
- Multifaith Housing Initiative
- Nelson House
- Options Bytown
- Ottawa Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
- Ottawa Carleton Lifeskills
- Ottawa Mission
- Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation
- Restoring Hope
- St. Mary's Home
- The Door Youth Centre
- Youth Services Bureau
- Youville Centre



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The Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation is operated by the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) and provides grants to Ontario shelter-related charities. The REALTORS Care® Foundation is supported by Ontario Real Estate Boards and Associations and their REALTOR® Members.