



Ottawa Real Estate Board provides \$19,837 to support four local Charities.

Ontario REALTORS® Donate \$1 million to Shelter-Based Charities as Pandemic Continues to Challenge Shelters and Food Banks.

OTTAWA, June 21, 2021 – As the third wave of the pandemic continues to put pressure on the province's already stretched shelter system, the Ottawa Real Estate Board is supporting four charities in our local community by providing each \$4959 in funding to assist with service continuity.

This funding is part of the Ontario Real Estate Association's (OREA) larger donation of \$520,000 to Ontario shelters and food banks, which is on top of the \$480,000 donation made one year ago. The funds will be distributed through the Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation to nearly 100 shelters and food banks across Ontario.

"Vulnerable populations around the world continue to be disproportionately affected by the impact of Covid-19, and we are thrilled to be able to support four of our local charitable organizations," states Debra Wright, Ottawa Real Estate Board President. "Undoubtedly, the demand for their services and client base has amplified along with their operational expenses due to increased safety measures. These needs are compounded by a decrease in fundraising opportunities and donations, making their objectives exponentially more difficult to achieve. We hope that these donations will help them offer continued support to those in our communities that rely on them."

The four Ottawa-area charities are:

- Ancoura
- Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre
- Jericho Road Ministries
- Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

All charities receiving funding are listed on [RealHeart.ca](https://www.RealHeart.ca), a recently launched initiative with a mission to support Ontario Realtors in their work to build stronger communities across Ontario. In 2020 alone, the Foundation raised more than \$1.1 million for shelter-based organizations. Today's donation is part of OREA's and ORCF's longstanding commitment to helping families in need of emergency and permanent housing.

"The impact of this pandemic on our local communities has been devastating," said Heather Arnott, President, Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation. "We hope this donation will help our community organizations continue the incredibly important work they do to help those going through tough times. I'd like to thank the OREA Board of Directors for their continued support of the Foundation and their work in responding to the current COVID crisis. 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."

To donate to the Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation, go to www.RealtorsCareOntario.ca.

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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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