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**REALTORS® CARE - Charity of Choice for the Woodstock
Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board**

Woodstock, Ont. The Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board chose one Charity to fundraise for throughout the year of 2020. VON Sakura House of Oxford was chosen to be the 2020 Charity of Choice.

“This was the second year that WIDREB has decided to select a Charity of Choice, so our donation could have more of an impact. We are so happy that we were able to present the VON Sakura House of Oxford with a cheque for \$11,000.00; proceeds raised from WIDREB Events and Grants from the Ontario REALTORS® Care Foundation,” said President Porter.

WIDREB REALTORS® participate in the Ontario REALTORS Care Foundation’s Every REALTOR campaign; where WIDREB donates \$1.00/member/month, which is collected through their monthly assessment fees and are donated to the Foundation. This campaign allows WIDREB to offer a grant to a deserving shelter-based organization of their choice. This year the REALTORS CARE Committee nominated VON Sakura House, and they received the REALTORS Care Grant Totalling \$2157.00.

Additional, monies donated from WIDREB were raised through OREA Spirit Award- \$500, OREA REALTORS® Care COVID Relief Grant- \$2840, WIDREB Donation Budgets-\$5503

WIDREB will be continuing to adopt an annual Charity of Choice in the years to come and the 2021 selection is underway, we encourage any local charity to reach out to us for an application to be considered the deadline is January 30, 2021. Any Charity that would like to be considered is



asked to contact our REALTORS® Care staff liaison, Mary Baxter at mary@widreb.ca for more details.

In addition to their Charity of Choice WIDREB also saw the need of many other local organizations. The following donations were made by WIDREB in 2020.



2020 Donations

10th Annual Food Drive (Cancelled due to COVID)
Donations -500 lbs of food Ingersoll Salvation Army,
1,000 lbs of Food Woodstock Salvation Army

Secondary School Trade Bursary's- IDCI Ingersoll \$500, Huron Park Secondary- \$500,
Ecole Secondaire- \$500, St. Mary's Secondary- \$500, CASS- \$500, WCI-\$500

Conquer the Cold Drive donations made too- Old St. Paul's Church - The Inn in
Woodstock and Ingersoll & District Inter-Church in Ingersoll- Cash/Cheques \$13,640.00,
Gift Cards \$305, Hats/Earmuffs-102, Mitts/gloves – 44, Scarves -47, Socks -42, Personal
Hygiene items-532

Christmas Toy Drive-225 unwrapped toys donated to Woodstock & Ingersoll Salvation
Army

Charity of Choice- Sakura House - \$11,000

Canadian Mental Health Association Oxford-\$4000

Salvation Army Woodstock- \$3500
Salvation Army Ingersoll -\$2000

United Way of Oxford School Nutrition Program- \$2000

Ingersoll & District Inter-Church - \$1500

Beginnings Family Services- \$500

Totaling \$41,140