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**ONTARIO REALTORS® DELIVER \$480,000 TO COVID-19
STRESSED SHELTERS AND FOOD BANKS**
*Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board provides
\$2,800.00 in support to Sakura House*

Woodstock, ON – As COVID-19 continues to put pressure on the province’s already stretched shelter system, we are proud at the Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board to be able to support Sakura House in our local community by providing \$2,800.00 in 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 unprecedented impact of COVID-19 has been felt around the world, including in our local communities of Oxford County, with vulnerable populations being disproportionately affected,” said Lesley Michie, President of the Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board. “Here in the communities of Oxford County, we have been proud to partner with Sakura House, and have witnessed first-hand the tremendous work they do to support individuals and families requiring hospice services. We hope that this donation will help them get through this incredibly difficult time.”

The 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 and receives its funding through the generosity of Ontario’s REALTORS®. In 2019 alone, the Foundation raised more than \$1.2 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.

“We are grateful to the Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board for their donation to VON Sakura House. Support from our community has made it possible for Sakura House to continue to provide compassionate and professional care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to patients and families across Oxford County during these challenging times. Thank you to all of our local REALTORS® for your commitment to hospice care.” John Goodbun, Chair, VON Oxford Community Corporation.

“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.

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About the Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board

The Woodstock-Ingersoll & District Real Estate Board is an Association of REALTORS® committed to helping our members be successful professionals. WIDREB represents 163 Local REALTOR® members, who are actively trading in real estate both locally and across Ontario.

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.