

TREB: The importance of giving back

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Giving back is one of the most selfless acts we can perform. Whether we dedicate our time through volunteering, or give financially, any way we choose to contribute can make a difference.

The Toronto Real Estate Board and its Realtor Members have long believed in giving back and, through a ten-year relationship with the Ontario Realtors Care® Foundation, have donated to many shelter-based charities. In 2015, The Toronto Real Estate Board contributed \$550,414 to the Foundation. As well, this past spring, \$8,300 was raised for Easter Seals Ontario at two TREB events.

We are all bound by a strong sense of community and, for many of us, giving back to our local community is of prime importance. This is especially true in times of great need.

Recently, the devastation in Fort McMurray, Alberta highlighted the importance of community, charity, and selflessness. In the wake of the devastating fire that caused a state of emergency to be declared in Fort McMurray, the Realtor community from across North America came together and pledged their support.

The Canadian Real Estate Association, through the Canadian Realtors Care® Foundation, has so far raised over \$650,000 for the victims of this destructive wildfire. This donation includes contributions from TREB of \$50,000. In a warm show of solidarity with their northern neighbours, the National Association of Realtors also contributed \$250,000 to Fort McMurray disaster relief.

These donations by the Realtor community are emblematic of the larger impact that Realtors have on building, shaping, and growing the places we call home.

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