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VIREB DONATES OVER \$70,000 TO AREA CHARITIES

NANAIMO, BC – The spirit of giving is alive all year round among members of the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB). Throughout the year, members of organized real estate work together to make a difference in their communities by volunteering time and raising funds for a diverse array of causes close to their hearts.

However, the pandemic-related difficulties that charitable organizations faced in 2020 inspired VIREB members to donate over \$70,000 to charities in VIREB's six primary zones. Several students throughout the VIREB area also received \$500 and \$1,000 bursaries.

Organizations benefitting from the donations include food banks, the John Howard Society, the Salvation Army, hospices, RCMP Victim Services, Arrowsmith Search and Rescue, homeless shelters, women's shelters, the BC SPCA, and the Red Cross, to name but a few.

The following homeless shelters also received \$500 donations from VIREB in honour of November's REALTORS Care® Week.

- Campbell River and North Island Transition Society
- The Salvation Army (Comox Valley)
- Warmland House (Duncan)
- Samaritan House Emergency Women's Shelter (Nanaimo)
- Society of Organized Services (Parksville)
- Port Alberni Shelter Society

All of these initiatives fall under the REALTORS Care® umbrella. This guiding principle and brand celebrate the philanthropic work done by Canadian REALTORS®, real estate boards and associations, and broker offices.

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ABOUT VIREB

VIREB represents over 1,000 REALTORS® in nearly 90 member offices on Vancouver Island, from the Malahat in the south to the northern tip. For more information, contact VIREB Communications at communications@vireb.com.

