



The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board

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In Concert With The Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation, OMDREB Gives \$9,530 To Local Charities, Hopes To Raise More During ALS Awareness Month

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We are currently in an unprecedented time, and at no other point in recent memory will the impact of giving in our local communities be more impactful.

Throughout The Oakville, Milton and Real Estate Board's history, we have been a positive force in the Oakville, Milton, and Halton Hills communities with our various charitable partners, both in caring for those most in need and fighting debilitating illnesses.

Through a grant provided by the Ontario REALTORS Care® Foundation, we were able to provide \$3,176.66 each to the Milton Resource Centre, Food For Life, and Kerr Street Mission.

Additionally, every year the President of The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board chooses a charity of which to support through their term. 2020 President Richard Weima is actively supporting ALS Canada and has called upon others to raise awareness during the month of June, which marks ALS Awareness Month.

"Every year, ALS Canada holds a 'Walk to End ALS' in order to raise awareness and funds for fighting it. Despite the challenges faced by the COVID-19 pandemic right now, the format has been changed to a virtual walk so that the tradition can continue," says Weima.

"Leading up to June 21, ALS Canada is hosting a variety of different online events with the ALS Virtual Walk participants, including art classes, music classes, and yoga, in order to inspire you to get creative with how you may want to participate. I hope you consider joining me as a participant in this year's Walk To End ALS."

The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board is pleased to have helped these important charitable entities provide what is needed for our communities during this time, and we look forward to contributing more in the future.

ABOUT MILTON RESOURCE CENTRE

Milton Community Resource Centre (MCRC) is a Not-for-profit, multi-service organization that provides services to children and families of Milton and the surrounding communities. Through our EarlyON sites, we provide early learning programs for children, their parents and caregivers. MCRC's parent resource library offers a variety of resources and workshops including access to our parent educators. Through our Licensed Child Care programs, MCRC provides quality early learning and care at an affordable cost and subsidy is available for eligible families. MCRC also operates The Halton Resource Connection, which provides training, support and resources to individuals and organizations working with children and youth.

ABOUT FOOD FOR LIFE

Food for Life is the collaborative leader in sourcing, sorting and sharing fresh food in Halton Region and Hamilton. Through 107 Food for Life programs and agencies we serve more than 18,000 people struggling with hunger each month. In 2019, over 4 million pounds of food was collected and distributed.

Food for Life has grown into the largest food recovery program in Halton Region bringing fresh and nutritious food to those in need.

ABOUT KERR STREET MISSION

Kerr Street Ministries is called to transform lives by serving people in Oakville living in economic, social and spiritual poverty. For many years, 'KSM' has been meeting the needs of Oakville's most vulnerable citizens. Through diverse programs, we have been making a positive difference in the lives of families, seniors socially isolated adults, youth and children in our community. Some of our services include computer and employment training, food bank, meals, counselling, homework clubs, youth drop-in and day care.

ABOUT ALS CANADA

Founded in 1977, the ALS Society of Canada (ALS Canada) works with the ALS community to improve the lives of people affected by ALS through support, advocacy and investment in research for a future without ALS. We are a registered charity that receives no government funding – all of our services and research are funded through the generosity of our donors.

ABOUT THE OAKVILLE, MILTON AND DISTRICT REAL ESTATE BOARD

The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board was established in 1954 and represents 1,800 REALTORS® who serve the communities of Oakville, Milton, Halton Hills and the surrounding areas. OMDREB serves its Members through a variety of support and services, including professional development, technology and advocacy. The Board of Directors also champion shelter-based charitable endeavours that are important to the local communities in which its Members work and serve.

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