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The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the vast importance of “home” as refuge. It has also made it much harder to ignore the unacceptable fact that more than 35,000 people experience homelessness each night in our country. Experts and advocates in this field argue now is the time to end and prevent homelessness in Canada once and for all.

In recognition of this, REALTORS Care® Week 2020 focused on the issue of homelessness in Canada and what REALTORS® can do to help ensure all Canadians have a safe and affordable place to call home.

As the only emergency homeless shelter in our area, serving both Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, Quinte & District Association of REALTORS® (QDAR) decided to supported Grace Inn Shelter.

Grace Inn Shelter has already this year provided 5,623 breakfasts to clients who spent the night in their shelter. Grace Inn has become part of the social fabric of the community.

QDAR asked its Members to help support Grace Inn Shelter by donating items such as: hats, mitts, scarves, hand warmers, coffee, and grocery cards. QDAR reached out to Grace Inn Shelter to find out what was currently most needed and purchased over \$1500 worth of items from that list to go along with the items collected from members. QDAR wishes to thank Giant Tiger, Sidney St, Belleville location and Hanley Corporation for their generous discounts and donations to make our efforts more meaningful.

Additionally, QDAR contributes a portion of each members’ dues to the Every REALTOR® Cares campaign that is administered through the Ontario REALTORSCare® Foundation and QDAR was excited to hand over a cheque for \$6,680 to Grace Inn from that campaign.

QDAR is progressively building a better future for REALTORS® and our Communities. Together we can make a difference.

Don McColl
2020-2021 President

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2019-2020 President

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L to R, Ron Crisp & Christine Wollerman, from Grace Inn; Don McColl & Heather Plane, from QDAR

