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REALTORS® Have a Heart for our Hampton Roads habitat and Habitat

HAMPTON ROADS –The Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association (HRRRA) REALTORS® Have a Heart volunteer program tackled a double dose of good deeds in June to benefit the regional environment and, later, to help make the homeownership dream a reality for one family.

First up, HRRRA REALTOR® and Affiliate members teamed up with neighbors, colleagues and family members June 1 for the first HRRRA Green Up Day cleanup in neighborhoods across Hampton Roads. Addressing green spaces like parks, wooded areas and medians, volunteers climbed fences, crawled through brush and dipped into neighborhood waterways to remove litter that detracts from the community and is hurtful to the environment.

Next, a dozen HRRRA REALTOR® and Affiliate members sweated it out in Suffolk June 8 to help build a home for prospective homeowner Donica Miller during Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads’ annual Women Build Week. HRRRA was an event sponsor, too, and the REALTORS® Have a Heart volunteers swung hammers, wielded drills, ran saws and much more to help make the homeownership dream a reality for the Miller family.

HRRRA’s REALTORS® Have a Heart volunteer program is an initiative of the association’s Community Involvement Advisory (CIA) Group. Said CIA chair Sherry Snyder, who volunteered at the Women Build, “It’s such an empowering day. This will definitely rank in the top 10 of my days this year.”

This year REALTORS® Have a Heart is on track to complete eight volunteer activities benefitting charities, nonprofits and families across The 757 to give back to the community it serves. Past REALTORS® Have a Heart activities have included beach cleanups during Save the Bay Day; landscaping and other projects at the Virginia Zoo; indoor and outdoor cleanups at Edmarc Hospice for Children; food distribution and pantry organization at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center; warehouse and food pantry projects for the Union Mission and Habitat for Humanity; and grounds and maintenance projects for Camp Hope Haven, among others. The program also completely rehabbed the homes of a Gold Star Mom and a Navy veteran. Additionally, REALTORS® Have a Heart’s door-to-door “bucket brigade” relief effort helped hundreds of Virginia Beach homeowners impacted by Hurricane Matthew’s massive flooding.

The Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the ability of REALTORS® throughout Eastern Virginia to achieve business success in an ethical and professional manner, and to protect and preserve private property rights. REALTORS® are real estate agents who adhere to a strict code of ethics and work to protect and preserve private property rights. For more on HRRRA, go to www.hrra.com.

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Cutlines (Photos courtesy of HRRRA):

HRRAWomenBuild.jpg: A dozen HRRRA REALTORS® Have a Heart volunteers pitched in to help build a home for Donica Miller, center, during Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads’ Women Build.

HRRAGreenUpDay.jpg: HRRRA Community Involvement Advisory Group chair Sherry Snyder retrieves plastic from a neighborhood retention pond during REALTORS® Have a Heart’s first HRRRA Green Up Day cleanup across Hampton Roads.