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HRRRA Foundation REALTORS® Have a Heart for Edmarc

PORTSMOUTH – Four dozen volunteers picked the perfect spring day to brush up on their painting – literally – during the Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association (HRRRA) Foundation’s REALTORS® Have a Heart event April 5 at Edmarc Hospice for Children.

The REALTOR® outreach program plans and organizes volunteer events for HRRRA membership at charities and nonprofits across the region to give back to the communities HRRRA serves. Edmarc “believes a family faced with a child’s life-threatening illness should receive as much professional support at home as possible.” The center of these efforts is the nonprofit’s headquarters in Olde Towne Portsmouth, where families of those served by Edmarc may gather for support, learning, reflection, celebrations of life and bereavement resources. The organization’s headquarters are in a donated home, which also houses Edmarc’s offices.

REALTORS® Have a Heart and Edmarc have enjoyed a long relationship, with HRRRA traditionally completing a project for Edmarc in winter or early-spring. Previously, HRRRA has done landscaping to the grounds/gardens, repaired windows and other exterior features, organized toy and food closets for the families served, and given the building a general spruce-up.

This year, the REALTORS® Have a Heart volunteers painted Edmarc’s sunroom and halls, including hundreds of feet of trim. They also cleaned the second floor and landscaped. They later enjoyed boxed meals together in the spring sunshine.

Sherry Snyder, who serves on the HRRRA Foundation Board of Directors and as a REALTORS® Have a Heart event organizer, was one of the day’s volunteers.

“Giving back to the people and communities we serve is a nice break from our everyday run-around business,” she said. “Just being able to come out, help and support Edmarc is really rewarding.”

Edmarc was REALTORS® Have a Heart’s second volunteer event of the year. In 2022, the program is on track to complete nine volunteer activities and drives benefitting charities, nonprofits and families across The 757. Past REALTORS® Have a Heart activities have included food distribution and pantry organization at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center; warehouse and food pantry projects for the Union Mission; Habitat for Humanity builds; painting, landscaping and maintenance at the Ronald McDonald House; and grounds and maintenance projects for Camp Hope Haven, among many others. The program also completely rehabbed the homes of a Gold Star Mom and a Navy veteran and conducted a door-to-door “bucket brigade” relief effort to help hundreds of Virginia Beach homeowners impacted by Hurricane Matthew’s massive flooding.

The HRRRA Foundation is a charitable nonprofit whose mission is driven by four pillars of community commitment: educating HRRRA members and the public about Fair Housing; working toward alleviating homelessness; advocating for affordable housing; and improving the quality of life of Hampton Roads’ neighborhoods through community service and financial support.

The nearly 5,000-member Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association is an organization of REALTORS® and Affiliates, 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.

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