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Hampton Roads REALTORS® Have a Heart for Ronald McDonald House

NORFOLK – Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association (HRRRA) REALTORS® Have a Heart volunteers had a perfect spring day April 6 to tackle exterior sprucing up at the Ronald McDonald House. It also marked the fifth anniversary of HRRRA's partnership with the Norfolk-based charity, which provides housing for up to 1,000 families annually so they can stay close to their hospitalized child.

REALTORS® Have a Heart is a program of HRRRA's Community Involvement Advisory Group, which plans and organizes association volunteer events at charities and nonprofits across The 757 to give back to the community HRRRA serves. Past REALTORS® Have a Heart activities have included summer beach cleanups during Save the Bay Day; landscaping and other projects at the Virginia Zoo; grounds/maintenance projects at Camp Hope Haven; winter 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; grounds and maintenance projects for Camp Hope Haven; and assisting in home construction during Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads "Blitz Build" and "Women Build" projects, among others. The program has also completely rehabbed the homes of a Gold Star Mom and a Navy veteran. Additionally, REALTORS® Have a Heart door-to-door "bucket brigade" relief effort helped hundreds of Virginia Beach homeowners impacted by massive flooding following Hurricane Matthew.

The Ronald McDonald has been one the recipient organizations of HRRRA's REALTORS® Have a Heart volunteer program since its launch. Events are held six times annually, although two bonus events are planned this year.

As part of the spring spruce-up, three dozen HRRRA volunteers pitched in at the Ronald McDonald House to seal both sides of a 125-foot-long fence, paint outdoor railings, weed and plant flowers. HRRRA Affiliates member Conley's Carpet Care Plus power washed the fence prior to the one-day event. After their day volunteering, volunteers broke bread picnic style, enjoying boxed meals provided by Affiliate member Achosa Home Warranty.

"We are so proud to be able to continue our support of the Ronald McDonald House all these years. The Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association and our Affiliates came out in full force this April to complete some labor-intensive projects. Thank you to all our volunteers for showing up! REALTORS® Have a Heart is growing," said Sherry Snyder, HRRRA's REALTORS® Have a Heart chair.

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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HRRAMcDonald1.jpg: Three dozen HRRRA REALTORS® Have a Heart volunteers enjoyed perfect weather April 6 as they completed outdoor projects at the Ronald McDonald House in Norfolk.

HRRAMcDonald2.jpg: Tom Sawyer's got nothing on HRRRA volunteers! Among HRRRA's activities on April 6, the volunteers sealed both sides of a 125-foot-long fence at the Ronald McDonald House. REALTORS® Have a Heart chair Sherry Snyder demonstrates.

HRRAMcDonald3.jpg: In addition to sealing both sides of a 125-foot-long fence, HRRRA volunteers painted railings, weeded and planted flowers April 6 at the Ronald McDonald House in Norfolk.

HRRAMcDonald4.jpg: REALTORS® Have a Heart volunteers Melissa Ly and Brandon Ly dig into weeding on April 6.