

News Release

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LSTAR supports local charities

London, ON – The London St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) presented \$12,000 to two local organizations Wednesday as part of its community investment program. LSTAR 2016 President Stacey Evoy and LSTAR CEO John S. Geha bestowed cheques of \$4,500 to *Investing in Children* and \$7,500 to *Hockey Helps the Homeless, London Tournament*.

Warren Shantz, Broker at Sutton Group Preferred and Tracy Marino, Chair of the Hockey Helps the Homeless Organizing Committee and LSTAR Director of Business Development, accepted the \$7,500 cheque for Hockey Helps the Homeless, London Tournament.

“We are thrilled to support this one day fantasy hockey tournament for the fourth consecutive year,” said Stacey Evoy, LSTAR 2016 President. “Every year, hundreds of our members show their passion for this event, volunteering and getting involved in the tournament. Since 2014, the event has raised \$360,000 for Merrymount family support and crisis centre, Youth Opportunities Unlimited and The Unity Project for Relief of Homelessness in London.”

Anita Gilvesy, Executive Director of Investing in Children and Jane Graydon, Salesperson at Royal LePage Triland Realty, were on hand to receive the \$4,500 cheque for Investing in Children. Investing in Children offers opportunities for children to grow, learn and thrive, including a program that provides nutritious meals and snacks to more than 10,000 children across 85 area schools.

LSTAR adheres to a *Quality of Life* philosophy, supporting growth that fosters economic vitality, provides housing opportunities, respects the environment and builds good communities and safe neighbourhoods. The awarded funds come from LSTAR’s Business Partners Program, sponsorship, various fundraising events and the Ontario REALTORS® Care Foundation, of which LSTAR is a proud supporter.

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) exists to provide our REALTOR® Members with the support and tools they need to succeed in their profession. LSTAR is one of Canada’s fifteen largest real estate associations, representing over 1,600 REALTORS® working in Middlesex and Elgin Counties, a trading area of 500,000 residents.

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