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CAAR Raises Over \$20,000, Helping to Provide Over 80,000 Meals for a Month to Area Residents in Need

Charlottesville, Virginia – The Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS® (CAAR) has announced its membership has raised over \$20,000 during the month of July for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) program. REALTORS® and affiliates of CAAR raised over \$10,000, which was then matched by a \$10,000 donation from Virginia Estates.



The MFP program was created to reach some of the Food Bank's most vulnerable clients—those living in more rural areas with no access to commercial food providers and/or food assistance services. There are 11 MFP sites, where the Food Bank brings a truck full of fresh produce and shelf-stable proteins to be distributed to families in need. Eight of the MFPs are in the Charlottesville area, serving an average of 175 families per distribution.

"I can't thank the members of CAAR enough," said Millie Winstead, Director of Development for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. "Not only has their online fund drive been the

largest we have received to date, but their generous donation will provide food for all eight mobile food pantries in Charlottesville for a month."

"Our association and its members are integrated in our community, and we are continuously finding ways to help during these hard times," said CAAR 2020 President Tom Woolfolk. "Knowing our donation is helping to deliver over 80,000 meals to families, children, and seniors, who would otherwise go without, means the absolute world to us."

An intimate check ceremony will take place at the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Charlottesville area branch (1207 Harris St.) at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020. Media who would like to attend should contact Ali DiGuardo (contact information above) to ensure safety protocols are followed.



About CAAR:

The Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS® serves more than 1,300 real estate professionals and affiliate members throughout the City of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson. Widely recognized as the leading voice for real estate in Central Virginia since 1925, CAAR members bring professionalism and high ethical standards to every business transaction. The Association advocates for the protection of private property rights and provides tools and technology for members to achieve expertise in serving the needs of customers and clients. The CAAR membership is committed to enriching the region's neighborhoods by engaging in a variety of educational programs as well as community service events each year.

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