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Local Association Executive Heads Up REALTOR® Foundation

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® congratulates its Executive Vice-President Betty Doré on her recent assumption of the Chairmanship of the REALTORS Care Foundation, the charitable arm of the Ontario Real Estate Association. Since its inception, the Foundation has granted more than \$2-million to shelter-based organizations across the province on behalf of the Ontario REALTORS® and amassed over 2.5 million interest-earning dollars in its capital fund.

Each year LSTAR supports local grant applications to the Foundation. Past recipients include: Community Living London, the Women's Rural Resource Centre, Mission Services of London, the Unity Project, the women's shelters in St. Thomas and London and the London Area Food Bank. "In just the past nine years the Foundation has granted a total of **\$83,400** to London area charities," says LSTAR President Richard Thyssen.

Doré is in her 19th year as Executive Vice-President of the London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS®. In addition to chairing the Association Executives Council of the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) in 1997 and having served as a CREA Director for two years, she has sat on or chaired many provincial and national committees and task forces in the course of her career. She has also won the two most prestigious professional awards of excellence a Canadian REALTOR® Association Executive can win – the Anthony P. Kafun Award for Ontario and, more recently, the Frank Johns Award, for Canada. Doré is also a Fellow of the REALTORS® Care Foundation.

"This appointment is both a great honour and a great responsibility," says Thyssen. "We are proud of Betty and happy to know that our Foundation is in such good and capable hands."

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) is one of Canada's fifteen largest real estate associations, representing 1,500 REALTORS® working in Middlesex and Elgin Counties, a trading area of 500,000 residents. 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. As members of the Canadian Real Estate Association, LSTAR members may use the REALTOR® trademark, which identifies them as real estate professionals who subscribe to a strict code of ethics. The

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