



Condo Owners Association to Help Alleviate Child Poverty



Mississauga, ON – Condo Owners in Ontario not only have a new, more powerful political voice, their collective numbers can also put a dent in child poverty. For all new registrations to the Condo Owners Association (COA) from June 8 to August 2, 2011, half of the 2011 fees will be donated to the One Nation Run (ONR) benefiting World Vision Canada. Linda Pinizzotto, a REALTOR® at Sutton Group - Quantum Realty Inc.* and Founder of COA, feels the run is perfectly in line with her organization's community focus.

"Too many children still live in poverty, which undermines every community in Canada," says Linda. "One Nation Run is a Canada-wide relay that kicked off in Newfoundland on May 1 and will reach Ontario by June 8. We expect that it will end on the west coast at the end of September. The proceeds will fund World Vision Canada projects."

Linda first heard about the event from organizer and friend Bryce Dymond. Since COA is a non-profit organization, funding a community-focused event was a priority. "All Condo Owners and Sutton REALTORS® in Toronto, GTA, Etobicoke and Mississauga are invited to Join COA Executive Directorship on June 17 at the Air Canada Centre in Downtown Toronto at 1:30 p.m. They can also join us on June 18 at the Long Branch Station in Etobicoke. More details will be available soon on the COA website www.coaontario.com. Run route information is available on the ONR's website: www.onenationrun.ca/the-route.

COA was established in March 2010 to provide a united voice serving the interests of condominium owners to all levels of government. For example, COA lobbies provincial and federal governments for improvements to legislation and for changes to the Condo Act in support of condominium owners. Linda has 32 years in the real estate industry.

As Chair and President of COA, Linda has two major concerns: "The HST adds significantly to condominium budgets... The second concern is structural damage. If there is sufficient vibration during excavation, major cracks can appear in the older structure. You can't fall back on the warranty because it's not a 'natural' problem. People don't realize that unless they hire an engineering company to monitor the site, they may have no legal recourse. Seismic monitoring by builders is not mandated."

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