

Sedona Verde Valley Association of REALTORS® Humanitarian Fund



"Lending a Helping Hand"

Why should I donate?

- To help others. The **Humanitarian Fund** is available only to **SVVAR REALTOR®** and Affiliate Members and their immediate family members
- 2010 **NAR** statistics reveal:
As independent contractors and small business owners, REALTORS® know first-hand the rising cost of insurance coverage and the difficulty in obtaining it. In fact, member surveys show that 28% of REALTORS® are currently uninsured, with many more underinsured.
- Your contributions are tax deductible. Checks made payable to "ARDAF" will be deductible as long as no goods or service are received in exchange

Take a moment to count your blessings of good health and help our fraternity of friends who might be less fortunate.

What is the Sedona Verde Valley Association of REALTORS® (SVVAR) Humanitarian Fund?

- The Humanitarian Fund is a non-profit charitable fund for the benefit of SVVAR REALTOR® and Affiliate Members who experience tragic losses, crisis or catastrophe through no fault of the individual.
- The Arizona Association of REALTORS® (AAR) has established a non-profit organization available for use by SVVAR. Income and expenses are administered through the Arizona REALTOR® Disaster Relief Foundation (ARDAF). The Fund is administered by AAR in partnership with SVVAR.
- SVVAR REALTORS®, Affiliate Members or their immediate family members may apply for assistance. A REALTOR® or Affiliate Member may also complete a request for assistance on behalf of another Member experiencing a crisis.
- In addition to funds, SVVAR will provide applicants with other resources that may help in handling the crisis.

What is the process to apply for funds?

- The Application Form and instructions can be requested via email to info@svvar.com
- All requests for assistance from the Fund are completely **confidential**.
- Once a request is received, the Humanitarian Fund Administrative Committee (comprised of 2 Affiliate Members and 3 REALTOR® members) reviews the application and makes a recommendation.
- Self-referral or third party referrals are welcome.
- All requests are processed in as timely a manner as possible.
- The SVVAR Executive Officer serves as the coordinator for the Committee and forwards requests for funds to AAR to have a check generated from the ARDAF account.
- Payments are only made to third parties such as the medical provider, etc., not directly to the applicant.

How can I contribute?

- Designate a **tax deductible contribution** to be made to the fund at the close of escrow. Brokers can put this in their instructions. **Checks are made payable to ARDAF with "SVVAR Fund" in the Memo line** (send to the SVVAR office at 55 Sinagua Drive, Sedona, AZ 86336 for internal record of local contributions)
- Participate in Fundraisers throughout the year



- Donate your spare change to the collection jars at MLS meetings
- Volunteer your time and talent to a Mixer or other SVVAR event
- Mixers are a great opportunity for SVVAR REALTOR® and Affiliate Members to interact in a relaxed environment, to promote their businesses and increase the fund through sale of raffle tickets for donated items.
- Help by providing SVVAR with additional resources that can be included on www.svvar.com for distribution to Fund applicants



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Where do the dollars in the Humanitarian Fund Come From?

- REALTOR® Members are making contributions to the fund at the close of escrow.
- Title companies, appraisers, home inspectors, REALTOR® or Affiliate Members who directly benefit from the sale of real estate, or a referral to their businesses, are making contributions to the fund.
- SVVAR Affiliate Members volunteer to sponsor an annual fundraising event known as the "Chili Taste-Off" which is held at the Blazin' M Ranch in Cottonwood. Attendees purchase tickets to sample the chili and cornbread and vote for their favorite. All funds collected, including from the raffle, go directly into the fund.
- Contributions to the collection jars at MLS meetings help to increase the fund.
- The annual installation breakfast provides another fund raising opportunity.