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Local Realtors® Team Up With Mortgage Company to Help Homeless and At-Risk Teens

LOVES PARK, Ill. / Aug. 13, 2019 – A lot of kids in the Loves Park area will be smiling a bit more when they head back to school this year thanks, in part, to a group of local Realtors and a mortgage company.

Real estate agents at Weichert, Realtors® - Tovar Properties recently partnered with Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp. to collect backpacks and school supplies at the Loves Park real estate agency to help kids in Northern Illinois.

The collected items – including monetary contributions – were donated to Just Breathe 815, a local non-profit organization that provides clothing, meals, toiletries and sports equipment for homeless and at-risk teens in Illinois.

“Teaming up with our friends at Draper and Kramer Mortgage to host this event was a great way for us to give back to the community and help teens in need,” said Rion Tovar-South, the managing broker/owner of Weichert Realtors® - Tovar Properties.

The success of the backpack drive, which also included free ice cream for everyone who came out to support the event, already has Tovar-South and her team planning to do it again next year. The Loves Park-based real estate agency has also scheduled their 2nd Annual Great Pumpkin Giveaway for this fall. The October 12 event takes place at Weichert, Realtors® - Tovar Properties and features 250 free pumpkins for local residents. The office will also be collecting hats and gloves at the event to donate to Just Breathe 815 this winter.

“We can’t thank the community and our event sponsors enough for coming out to support our first-ever Backpack and School Supplies drive, and we can’t wait to do it again next year,” added Dejah Smith, the Weichert, Realtors® - Tovar Properties sales coordinator who helped organize the event.

The 2019 Backpack and School Supplies drive was generously supported by Weichert Realtors® - Tovar Properties, Marcia Patton/Platinum Mortgage, Tammy Maranto/Draper and Kramer Mortgage, Megan Alexander Younique Beauty Consultant, Lino's Pizza and Italian Restaurant, Doc's Detailing, Studio 815, Crafty Cactus Co., Deon Hannah of Proof Training, Grupo Casa Zepeda, Minnick, and Sara Anne Johnson Photography.

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Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp. is the residential mortgage division of Draper and Kramer, one of the country’s premiere full-service real estate and financial firms.

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Dozens of items were collected at a backpack and school supplies drive hosted by Weichert, Realtors® - Tovar Properties and Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp.



Kurt the Bear and his little friend came out to support a backpack and school supplies drive which benefitted a local non-profit that helps homeless and at-risk teens.