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## **DURHAM REALTORS® GENEROUSLY GIVE BACK TO LOCAL CHARITIES**

**DURHAM REGION, January 9, 2012** – The Durham Region Association of REALTORS® (DRAR) believes that contributing to a good Quality of Life in Durham Region is a priority and does this by giving back to local charities.

Each year DRAR raises money at its Annual Christmas Dinner & Charity Auction. This Christmas, Durham Association REALTORS® dug deep into their pockets and proceeds totaled over \$10,000. The funds have been divided between two very deserving local charities; Durham Deaf Services and Nova's Ark.

Durham Deaf Services is a non-profit organization that provides educational programs and services to the Deaf, deafened and hard of hearing community within Durham Region.

Nova's Ark is a registered charity that provides social and communication opportunities for people of all ages and abilities involving a wide range of exotic, gentle animals.

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*Photo Above: DRAR representatives; Executive Officer, Cail Maclean; President, Christine Marquis; and Charity Auction Committee Chair, Catherine Ayotte present the cheque to Durham Deaf Services Executive Director, Yvonne Brown and Resource Development Officer, John Calderón.*



*Photo Above: DRAR President, Christine Marquis and Charity Auction Committee Chair Cathy Ayotte present the cheque to Nova's Ark Founder, Mary-Ann Nova, her volunteers and furry friends.*