

COCBR donates \$5,000 to Florence Habitat program

Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors (COCBR) current and past Presidents Steve Earnshaw, Desiree Clifton and Rob Shepherd, recently presented the 2017 HOME Foundation grant to the Florence Habitat for Humanity.

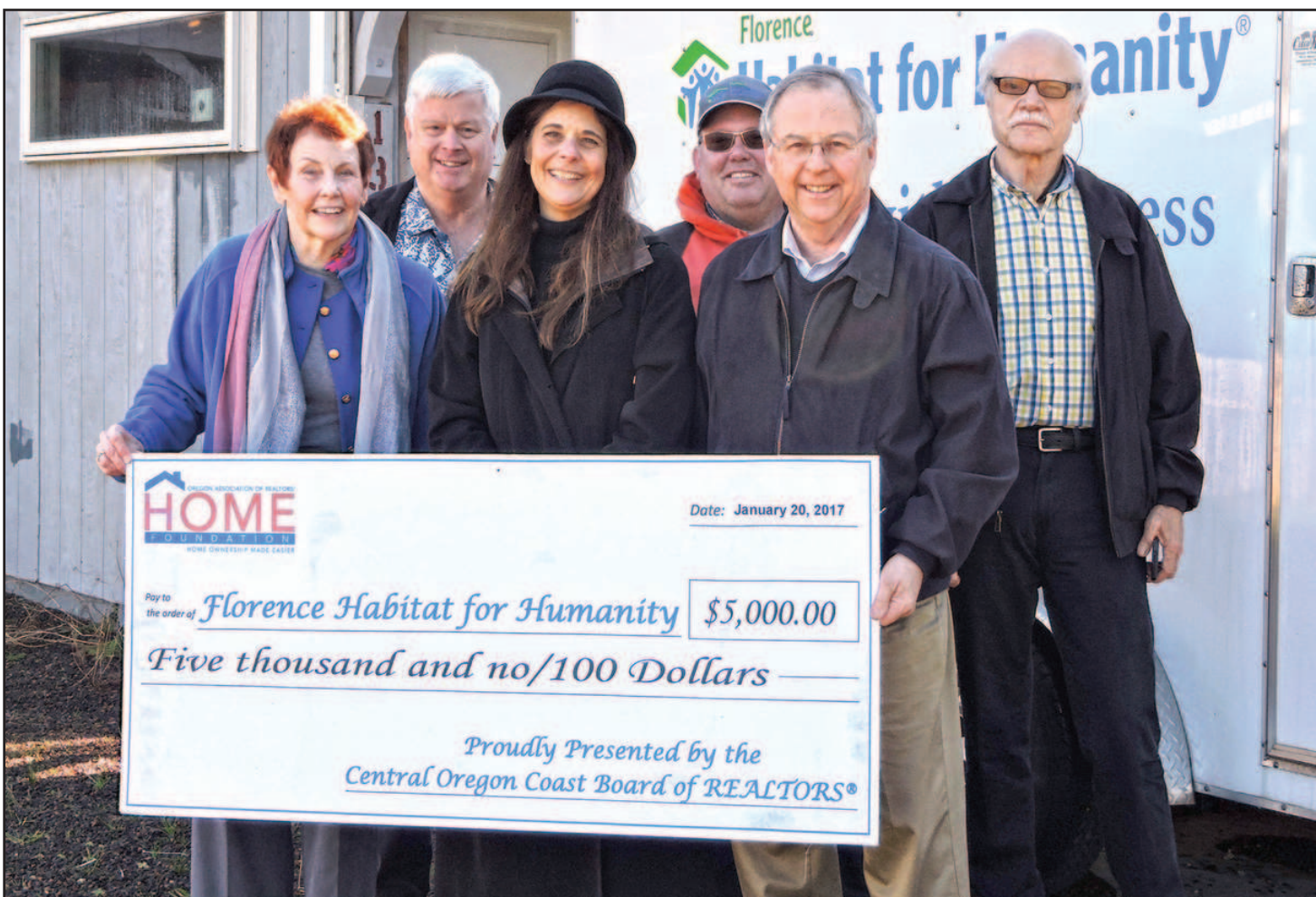
This \$5,000 grant will be used in the revitalization of a neighborhood home recently acquired by Florence Habitat.

When completed, the home will be offered to a low-income family, senior, disabled or veteran in the Florence area. This is the third year Florence Habitat has been awarded a HOME Foundation grant.

"It has been very rewarding to have the support of the COCBR and the HOME Foundation for Habitat for Humanity's affordable housing mission in Florence," said Kate McBroom-Redwine, Habitat's executive director. "Local realtors not only understand the need for family housing, but are wonderful advocates for the positive impact on the community that stable, safe and decent housing creates."

"We applaud the COCBR for its interest in and willingness to act in our plan to revitalize a deteriorating neighborhood."

The neighborhood, Keener Place, is located on Nopal Street. Alan Bourne, Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization Manager, said "This donation will permit Florence Habitat for Humanity to revitalize and



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From left: Kate McBroom Redwine, executive director of Florence Habitat for Humanity; Rob Shepherd, Past President of COCBR; Desiree Clifton, Immediate Past President of COCBR; Jerry Jensen, general contractor at Florence Habitat for Humanity; Steve Earnshaw, President of COCBR; Alan Bourne, Neighborhood Revitalization project manager at Florence Habitat for Humanity

improve homes in the neighborhood and assist deserving families in realizing their dreams of home ownership.

"This work could not be accomplished without the generous support of donors such as

the Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors as well as other organizations and individuals in the community."

The HOME Foundation is funded by individual donations from Oregon Realtors members

statewide, as well as through the annual flagship events such as the "Driving It HOME" golf tournament in July and "The Taste of Portland" in September.

Additionally, events held in

local communities, such as the Rogue Valley Association of Realtors' "Food and Wine Classic" every March, raise money that stays in their local areas.

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