

## BY THE NUMBERS

## PHILANTHROPIC HEARTS

*The season for giving is in full bloom*

**S**UMMER IS IN BLOOM and real estate action continues to remain very consistent. New listings, pending sales, closed sales and median sales prices all show increases year to date compared to 2017, and are up significantly this April.

This June, as the market begins to hit its summer stride, the fund-raising activities of the Vail Board of Realtors® also kick into high gear.

“We are so proud of the growth of our Foundation, and the hard work that our members put into raising money to benefit our community,” says Crissy Rumford, 2018 Chair of the Vail Board of Realtors®.

The Vail Board of Realtors® Foundation (VBRF) is a not-for-profit established in 1996 to raise funds to support members of the local community in times of need from catastrophes, illness or injury. Rumford reports that the organization, which acts independently of the VBR, awarded \$23,000 in assistance last year.

“It just feels good to give back to the community where we live and work! Our Foundation board has spent the past 22 years developing events and strategizing on how best to support both our members in need, and those of the general public. Many people don’t realize the philanthropic efforts of our Realtor® members. From Habitat for Humanity Build Days to Salvation Army Empty Bowls to government and municipal service and numerous other group and individual volunteer activities. You’ll most likely see a



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VBR member contributing (and often managing) any volunteer event in the county.”

One of the VBRF’s primary fundraisers is their annual golf tournament. The sixth annual tournament will be played on June 7th and is being held at Frost Creek in Eagle, Colorado. This popular event, open to the public, presents a full day of fun at one of the area’s most

exclusive, private golf courses. The best-ball format makes the tournament available to golfers of all levels of expertise and there are numerous ways to win prizes throughout the day. After the last putt, golfers can relax to discuss the shots of the day over hors d’oeuvres and drinks while listening to live music from a local band. An enticing silent auction presents another way to

donate to the cause. Last year approximately \$30,000 was raised for the Vail Board of Realtors Foundation.

The VBR is proud to announce that it will be the presenting sponsor of the Town of Avon’s new event this summer, The Playhouse Project. Currently scheduled to debut on June 14th, this public art installation will take place over a 6-week period in Avon’s Nottingham Park in the old children’s playground area. This unique event will present eight playhouses, designed and built by local construction companies and architects. At the end of the exhibit period these one-of-a-kind works of art will be auctioned off with proceeds being donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and the VBRF. The Town of Avon and the VBRF welcome other sponsorship and underwriters who wish to contribute to the success of this inaugural distinctive benefit.

Mid-June also marks the deadline for applications for the VBR Foundation’s new Scholarship Program. This academic scholarship for higher education is available for Eagle County residents meeting specific qualifications. Eligible applicants must be enrolling in or returning to a college, university or accredited academic institution of higher learning as a full-time student in the fall of the current year. Additional criteria for eligibility and application for scholarships can be found on the VBR website: [www.vbr.net](http://www.vbr.net). **VBR**

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