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# Ambassadors Foundation and REALTORS® Collect \$10,000 for Service Members Affected by USS Bonhomme Richard Fire

**SAN DIEGO (August 19, 2020)** – The Ambassadors Foundation of the Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS® (SDAR) collected \$10,000 in donations to assist service members impacted by the recent fire onboard the amphibious assault ship USS *Bonhomme Richard*.

With a crew of approximately 1,000, including more than 80 service members residing full-time on the ship, the *Bonhomme Richard* was docked at Naval Base San Diego when the fire broke out on Sunday, July 12. In addition to the service members who received minor injuries, many others have been displaced and lost personal items as a result of the fire.

Members and partners of SDAR donated just over \$5,000, and SDAR's Ambassadors Foundation contributed additional funds to bring the total to \$10,000. The foundation will be purchasing gift cards for the service members who were impacted by this tragic event so that they can replace some of their personal items.

In addition to individual donations, contributions in the amount of \$250 or more were donated on behalf of:

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Carla Farley – Corban Realty Group  
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Judy Preston – Coldwell Banker West  
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“What a blessing that real estate community has stepped up to help the men and women serving our country,” said Carla Farley, President of the Ambassadors Foundation Board and 2020 SDAR President. “San Diego has always been a haven for the military and its veterans, and I’m proud that the Ambassadors Foundation includes them in its mission to help strengthen our communities.”

The Ambassadors Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established by SDAR to benefit those in need throughout the region, including providing housing tools and resources for military and veterans.

Learn more at [ambassadorsfoundation.org](http://ambassadorsfoundation.org).

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