

## Thrills, Chills and Charitable Donations



**Whitby, ON** – Sutton REALTORS®, Brokers and staff across Canada channelled spooky Halloween spirit this year by decorating homes and offices, holding raffles and giving away pumpkins by donation to charity. Many more dressed in costumes and shared sweet treats. But for one family in Whitby, Ontario, Halloween is a true passion. The DeLuca family's haunted house was back for its fifth year with a full-sized animatronic moving corpse, an electric chair with prisoner, a monster chamber featuring a live 'monster', an animatronic reaper and more. In lieu of admission fees, they requested food bank donations.

"It was another successful year with at least 550 children visiting and probably close to the same number of adults braving their way through," says Gail DeLuca, Office Co-ordinator at Sutton Group - Heritage Realty Inc.\* and mother of REALTOR® Chris DeLuca.

In addition to the creativity and effort involved in staging torture chambers, skeleton families, zombie costumes and more, the DeLuca family put together in excess of 500 treat bags for visiting children and had a colouring contest with prizes.

What started as a small front lawn display in 2013 has grown into a favourite Halloween destination drawing people from miles around. The DeLuca family decided to put that popularity to work for charity by adding a collection box for food bank donations.

Gail is pleased to report: "Our visitors generously donated 363 pounds of food for *Feed the Need Durham* in the three and a half hours before we had to close the doors on this year's Haunted House."

In total, the DeLucas have gathered well over a thousand pounds of nutritious, non-perishable food for people in need in the local community.



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