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Avison Young to hold fourth annual Global Day of Giving

Employees in all of the firm's markets to take part in community activities on October 19

Toronto, ON – Mark Rose, Chair and CEO of **Avison Young**, the world's fastest-growing commercial real estate services firm, announced today that it will hold its fourth annual Global Day of Giving this Thursday, October 19 in all of the company's markets.

"On October 19, employees in Avison Young's 80 offices in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Europe will again dedicate the day to volunteer activities on behalf of local community organizations that strive every day to better the lives of people in need and at risk," comments Rose. "We're thrilled that approximately 2,600 employees will participate in the Global Day of Giving to help us promote social, economic and environmental sustainability. The 80 offices participating this year represent a 25% increase from 2014, when we held our inaugural Global Day of Giving. That year, employees in 60 offices took part. More importantly, this increase means that we are giving back to more communities that support our company and our causes throughout the year."

Avison Young's Global Day of Giving is part of the company's global citizenship strategy. Each Avison Young office has chosen its own community volunteer project in consultation with the charity that will receive the assistance.

"Many people want to give to their local community but they just aren't sure where to begin," notes **Donna Abood**, Avison Young Principal and Co-Managing Director of the firm's Miami office. "The Day of Giving unites our Avison Young family globally during a day on which we all have the opportunity to not only give financially, but to take the time physically to show our support and gratitude to our local organizations throughout the world. It's easy to write a cheque, but it is much more meaningful when we roll up our sleeves and get fully engaged in giving. When we think about Avison Young's unified effort to do so around the world on the same day, well, that is just amazing corporate culture that we can all be proud to be a part of."

Local staff activities on October 19 will range from volunteering at animal welfare and children's services organizations, to assisting at food and furniture banks, to cleaning up beaches.

"Helping others is an integral part of our firm's culture, and we support the opportunity for everyone to have the basic necessities that most people take for granted," says Avison Young

Principal **Sherry Quan**, who is based in Vancouver, BC. “Giving also connects us to others, creating stronger communities. Volunteering with even the smallest tasks can make a huge difference in the lives of people, animals and organizations in need. I think having all 80 offices lend a helping hand outside the boundaries of our offices will be a very humbling and rewarding experience for all employees involved, and we hope that our Day of Giving will encourage others to join together to contribute to a worthy cause.”

The Global Day of Giving’s philanthropic effort expands annually as Avison Young opens new offices.

“The Day of Giving is representative of the perpetual culture of care and inclusiveness within Avison Young,” states **Jason Sibthorpe**, Avison Young Principal and Managing Director of the firm’s U.K. region. “A significant number of diverse people and organizations around the world will benefit from our Day of Giving, and it provides our company with the opportunity to show genuine community support and global citizenship – rather than make token gestures designed to bolster the bottom line. It is our privilege and, I believe, our responsibility to make a positive, meaningful impact on others’ lives.”

The following is a list of the charities to which Avison Young employees will be donating their time on October 19:

Canada

Toronto (HQ)	Sean Faught Foundation & Melanoma Network of Canada
Toronto - Property Management	Youth Without Shelter
Calgary	Habitat for Humanity & Elements Calgary
Edmonton	Edmonton Food Bank
Halifax	Veith House
Lethbridge	Donating Blood
Moncton	The Humanity Project
Montreal	Pro-Vert Sud-Quest
Ottawa	The Ottawa Mission
Regina	Catholic Family Services
Toronto North	Sean Faught Foundation & Melanoma Network of Canada
Toronto West	Food Bank
Vancouver	YWCA – Semlin Gardens
Waterloo Region	Guelph Humane Society & London Food Bank
Winnipeg	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Winnipeg

United States

Atlanta	Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta
Austin	Austin Disaster Relief Network
Boca Raton	Best Foot Forward
Boston	Department of Conservation & Recreation
Chapel Hill	Habitat for Humanity & Boys & Girls Club & Dorcas Ministries
Charleston	Sea Island Habitat for Humanity
Charlotte	Habitat for Humanity
Chicago	ChildServ
Chicago Suburban	ChildServ
Cleveland	Boys Hope Girls Hope of Northeast Ohio
Columbus, OH	Ronald McDonald House

Dallas	Brighter Bites
Denver	Action Center
Detroit	The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy
Fairfield/Westchester	SoundWaters
Ft. Lauderdale	Ronald McDonald House & Kids in Distress
Greenville	Greater Greenville Parks Foundation
Hartford	CT Children's Hospital
Houston	Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos
Indianapolis	Agape Unbridled Hope
Jacksonville	City Rescue Mission
Knoxville	Ijams Nature Center
Las Vegas	Ronald McDonald House
Long Island	Spirit's Promise Horse Rescue Program
Los Angeles - Santa Monica	Beach Clean-Up in Oceanside & LA Food Bank
Los Angeles Downtown	Beach Clean-Up in Oceanside & LA Food Bank
Los Angeles North	Beach Clean-Up in Oceanside & LA Food Bank
Los Angeles West	Beach Clean-Up in Oceanside & LA Food Bank
Memphis	Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association
Miami	Camillus House
Minneapolis	Small Sums
Nashville	Friends of Warner Parks
New Jersey	Northern Cornerstone Foundation
New Jersey Central	Cornerstone Foundation
New York	EATS - Amboy Garden Farm
Oakland	Bay Area Furniture Bank
Orange County	Surfrider Foundation
Orlando	Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida
Philadelphia	United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
Phoenix	Feed My Starving Children
Pittsburgh	Saint Joseph House of Hospitality
Raleigh-Durham	Habitat for Humanity & Boys & Girls Club & Dorcas Ministries
Reno	The Washoe County School District
Sacramento	Sacramento Children's Home
San Antonio	American Red Cross
San Diego	Surfrider Foundation
San Francisco	Bay Area Furniture Bank
San Mateo	Bay Area Furniture Bank
St. Louis	Places For People
Suburban Maryland	Stepping Stones Shelter & Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless
Tampa	Ronald McDonald House
Tyson's	Animal Welfare League of Arlington & Northern Virginia
Washington, DC	Family Service & Homestretch
West Palm Beach	DC Central Kitchen & Capital Area Food Bank
	Big & Little Dogs Ranch
Mexico	
Mexico City	La Casa de Maria
United Kingdom	
Coventry	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

London City
London West End
Thames Valley

Drive Forward
Drive Forward
Community Grow

Germany

Berlin
Duesseldorf
Frankfurt
Hamburg
Munich

Caritas-Seniorenzentrum St. Johannes Berlin
AWO - Arbeiterwohlfahrt Bundesverband e.v.
Retirement Home
Zauberburg
Münchner Tafel

Romania

Bucharest

Handing out clothes to the homeless

Avison Young's Global Day of Giving is held annually in all of the firm's markets each October.

Rose adds: "We want to help the many worthwhile groups sustain their good work, and Avison Young is ensuring that the Day of Giving will be sustainable over the long term by actively recruiting people who are committed to philanthropy."

Avison Young is the world's fastest-growing commercial real estate services firm. Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, Avison Young is a collaborative, global firm owned and operated by its principals. Founded in 1978, the company comprises 2,600 real estate professionals in 80 offices, providing value-added, client-centric investment sales, leasing, advisory, management, financing and mortgage placement services to owners and occupiers of office, retail, industrial, multi-family and hospitality properties.

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