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Avison Young to hold fifth annual global Day of Giving

***Employees in all of the firm's markets
will participate in community activities on October 25***

Toronto, ON – Mark E. Rose, Chair and CEO of **Avison Young**, the world's fastest-growing commercial real estate services firm, announced today that it will hold its fifth annual **global Day of Giving** this Thursday, October 25 in all of the company's markets.

"On October 25, employees in Avison Young's 84 offices in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Europe will again volunteer to assist community organizations that lend a helping hand to people dealing with some of life's most difficult challenges," comments Rose. "This is our small way of trying to make a big difference in the lives of others who need assistance, often due to no fault of their own. As we help initiate change at the grassroots level, we will also be promoting the principles of sustainability through action and partnership."

The 84 offices participating this year represent a 40% increase from 2014, when the firm held its inaugural Day of Giving and employees in 60 offices took part.

Rose continues: "In the past year, we have strived to enhance our employees' overall wellness. We also want to improve the wellness of the communities that enable us to expand our business annually. Therefore, we continue to recruit top real estate professionals and other service specialists who uphold our core philosophy of putting people before profit. On October 25, we look forward to helping a wide variety of unselfish – and too often unrecognized – community groups as they continue their good work."

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.

"Given today's significant and growing imbalances within society, it is important that we recognize how fortunate we are in our own lives and working environments," says Avison Young Principal **Miles Marten**, who is based in the firm's London West End office. "The Day of Giving provides a

co-ordinated opportunity to make a real difference to those who may be less fortunate than ourselves. The opportunity to put something back into our local communities is incumbent on us all. I really hope our actions can make a real difference to those individuals and organizations that we are supporting on October 25 – and inspire us all to make an even greater difference in the future.”

Each October, Avison Young’s global Day of Giving is held in all of the firm’s markets. The global Day of Giving’s philanthropic effort expands annually as Avison Young opens new offices.

“Supporting our communities is one of the five central pillars of Avison Young’s global citizenship program – and our corporate values,” says **Amy Erixon**, Avison Young Principal and Managing Director of Investment Management, who is based in the company’s global headquarters in Toronto. “The annual Day of Giving provides a combined corporate and individual opportunity to walk the talk through volunteer outreach to essential charities in each of the communities in which we do business. This annual endeavour is a team-building activity as well. Both new and long-term staff find often unexpected opportunities to enhance our ties with each other and our communities. Our commitment to citizenship also strengthens recruitment, and employee and client retention.”

Local staff activities on October 25 will range from packing food at food banks; to painting, cleaning and landscaping at animal and youth shelters; to making crafts with senior citizens.

“I’m proud to be part of a work family that values its clients, its people and the communities in which it operates on a global basis,” notes Avison Young Principal and Chief Financial Officer **Christine Battist**, who is based in the company’s Chicago office. “We are a different company with a passion for our people and our communities. Our global Day of Giving connects these two passions and promotes awareness, collaboration and teamwork. Our goal is to have a sustainable impact on our communities.”

The following is a list of the charities to which Avison Young employees will be donating their time on October 25:

CANADA

Toronto (HQ)	Daily Bread Food Bank
Toronto Property Management	Youth Without Shelter
Calgary	CUPS (Calgary Urban Project Society)
Edmonton	Edmonton's Food Bank
Halifax	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Halifax
Lethbridge	Streets Alive Mission
Moncton	Boys & Girls Club of Moncton
Montreal	Mission Bon Accueil
Ottawa	Dress for Success Ottawa
Regina	Ranch Ehrlo Outdoor Hockey League
Toronto North	City of Markham – Environmental Cleanup Project
Toronto West	The Mississauga Food Bank
Vancouver	Kiwassa Neighbourhood House; Harbour View Daycare Centre
Waterloo Region	Guelph Humane Society
Winnipeg	Children's Rehabilitation Foundation

USA

Atlanta	Atlanta Furniture Bank
Austin	Jeremiah Program
Boca Raton	Lifenet4families
Boston	Boston Nature Center & Wildlife Sanctuary
Charleston	Sea Island Habitat for Humanity
Charlotte	Second Harvest Food Bank
Chicago Downtown	Cradles to Crayons
Chicago Suburban	Cradles to Crayons
Cleveland	Boys Hope Girls Hope
Columbus, OH	Mid-Ohio Foodbank
Dallas	Feed My Starving Children
Denver	Habitat for Humanity
Detroit	DAPCEP
Fairfield/Westchester	Aspetuck Land Trust
Fort Lauderdale	LifeNet4Families
Greenville	The Salvation Army
Hartford	Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Houston	Bo's Place; Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston
Indianapolis	Keep Indianapolis Beautiful
Inland Empire	Feeding San Diego
Jacksonville	The City Rescue Mission, Inc.
Knoxville	Knoxville County School System
Las Vegas	Goodie Two Shoes Foundation
Long Island	Sweetbriar Nature Center
Los Angeles - Santa Monica	St. Francis Center
Los Angeles Downtown	St. Francis Center
Los Angeles North	St. Francis Center
Los Angeles West	St. Francis Center
Memphis	Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association
Miami	The Humane Society of Greater Miami Dade County
Minneapolis	Cornerstone Advocacy Services.
Nashville	Metro Animal Care and Control Nashville
	Tennessee
New Jersey Central	Cornerstone Family Programs & Morristown
	Neighborhood House
New Jersey Northern	Cornerstone Family Programs & Morristown
	Neighborhood House
New York	New York Cares
Oakland	Morgan Autism Center
Orange County	Second Harvest Food Bank
Orlando	Feeding Children Everywhere
Philadelphia Center City	The McKaig Nature Education Center
Philadelphia Suburban	The McKaig Nature Education Center
Phoenix	Feed My Starving Children
Pittsburgh	Saint Vincent de Paul
Raleigh-Durham	Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina
Raleigh-Durham - Chapel Hill	Chatham County Habitat for Humanity
Reno	Urban Roots
Sacramento	United Way

San Antonio	The World Affairs Council of San Antonio
San Diego	Feeding San Diego
San Francisco	Morgan Autism Center
San Jose/Silicon Valley	Morgan Autism Center
San Mateo	Morgan Autism Center
St. Louis	Places for People
Suburban Maryland	Stepping Stones Shelter; Comfort Cases Mission; Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless; Second Story; Animal Welfare League of Arlington; Carpenter's Shelter
Tampa	Feeding Tampa Bay
Tyson's	Stepping Stones Shelter; Comfort Cases Mission; Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless; Second Story; Animal Welfare League of Arlington; Carpenter's Shelter
Washington, DC	Thrive DC; Rock Creek Conservancy
West Palm Beach	Lourdes Noreen McKeen Residence & Big Dog Ranch

MEXICO

Mexico City	Fundación Bondad y Esperanza, A.C.
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UNITED KINGDOM

Coventry	Trussell Trust (Coventry Foodbank)
London Mayfair	Trussell Trust
London West End	Trussell Trust
Manchester	Ronald McDonald House Manchester
Thames Valley	Trussell Trust

GERMANY

Berlin	FRÖBEL-Kindergarten Schatzinsel
Duesseldorf	AWO Kreisverband Düsseldorf e.V.
Frankfurt	AGO Seniorenzentrum (Senior center) Nidderau
Hamburg	KMK Kinderzimmer Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH
Munich	Münchner Tafel e. V.

ROMANIA

Bucharest	Casa Ioana
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Rose concludes: "We're thrilled that approximately 2,600 employees will contribute their time and effort to our global Day of Giving this year. More importantly, this year's increase in participants means that we continue to give back to an increasing number of communities that support our company and our causes throughout the year."

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 84 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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