# MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS™

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide Bay East Association of REALTORS® members and their immediate family with financial assistance in instances of disaster or emergency hardship situations.

### **APPLICANT ELIGBILITY:**

- Bay East REALTOR® or Affiliate members, in good standing within 12 months of application date.
- Family members are defined as: children, spouses, siblings, domestic partners, and grandchildren
- Prior recipients or applicants are eligible only if they have experienced a new & unrelated to the prior catastrophic event.

\*The following individuals are ineligible: Bay East Association or Bay East Foundation employees, directors/trustees, officers, substantial contributors or any of the family members of any of the aforementioned

## **CRITERIA:**

- Applicant must be a victim of disaster or undergoing an emergency hardship. Examples of situations that may cause these hardships are: sudden illness, death, accident, violent crime or other emergency hardship.
- Per the IRS Disaster Relief document: "Individuals do not have to be totally destitute to be financially needy; they may merely lack the resources to obtain basic necessities."
- Applicant and/or sponsor must fill out MHM application and upon request, provide necessary paperwork to substantiate the need.



# **TYPE OF HELP:**

The Bay East Foundation may offer funds to assist with essential living expenses, including but not limited to the following:

 Food; clothing; shelter (including repairs, rent, mortgage); transportation (including car payment and insurance); medical bills; dependent care; travel costs (such as to funerals); funeral expenses.