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Alterna Donates \$5K to Furniture Bank after Theft

Toronto - Tuesday, March 3, 2015 –GTA charity, Furniture Bank, was hit hard when thieves stole about \$20,000 worth of catalytic converters from the majority of its fleet of trucks over the weekend. To help offset the impact this would have on thousands of needy GTA residents, Alterna Savings donated \$5,000 to aid the charity in getting back to business.

“We know how important those trucks are to the community and the impact that Furniture Bank is able to have in the lives of their clients,” said Rob Paterson, Alterna Savings President and CEO. “Furniture Bank is a valued Alterna Savings member, a past Alterna Community Grant recipient and a truly worthwhile local charity where we have proudly sent Alterna volunteers to lend a hand. I hope this support is a step in the right direction to having their trucks back on the road doing good for others.”

Furniture Bank is a charity and social enterprise that works with people who were once homeless, women and children escaping abusive situations, and refugees and newcomers to Canada. It offers a unique furniture removal and pickup service from its headquarters at 25 Connell Court near Kipling Avenue and the Gardiner Expressway in Etobicoke.

To learn more about Furniture Bank, or to donate funds, furniture or housewares to help individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness, please visit <http://www.furniturebank.org/>.

About Alterna Savings

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