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## The Real Estate Finance Association teams up with Breaktime and FamilyAid Boston

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Boston, MA The Real Estate Finance Association has selected Breaktime and FamilyAid Boston as their charitable partners for a three-year partnership! Breaktime and FamilyAid will be the designated charities of REFA's signature events, including the Charitable Golf & Tennis Tournament, Gala, Programs, and community service activities.

We hope you can join us for a membership-wide community service fundraising activity to Benefit our charities – The Winter Walk! Hosted on Sunday, February 12th (Super Bowl Sunday), 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Copley Sq.

The Winter Walk hosted by Boston Medical Center is an annual event held to raise awareness and fund organizations to help homelessness. The two-mile walk will be held on Sunday, February 12th at 9 a.m. starting in Copley Sq., Boston but you are welcome to walk on your own at a time that is convenient for you! You can join REFA at the Winter Walk by going to <http://bit.ly/3jpEgAy>

REFA's 7th Annual Mentorship Program begins on February 28th with a kick-off event under the leadership of program co-chairs Ian McKinley, GFI Partners, and Vin Norton, Urban Meritage. The REFA Mentor Program provides Emerging Leader Members with the opportunity to be paired with a senior-level member for a yearlong membership. REFA organizes 3-4 events throughout the calendar year to bring all participants together. Mentor/mentee pairs are encouraged to connect regularly throughout the program to share ideas, career advice, and act as sounding boards to help with career and professional development. This year's Mentor Program features 50 mentor/mentee pairs.

On Wednesday, January 25th, REFA held its Annual Forecasting Luncheon with over 100 members and guests in attendance. Julia Georgules, head of research, JLL was the keynote speaker and provided a market update. The panel discussion was moderated by Ravi Ragnauth, CFO, Berkshire Residential Investments and included: Michael Byrne, head of private equity & chief investment officer, AEW, Robert Deignan, managing director, Wells Fargo, Brian Kavogian, managing partner, National Development, and Mahmood Malihi, co-president, Leggat McCall Properties; All shared their thoughts on the current environment. The sold-out luncheon provided insight into what is to come in 2023.

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