

# Reaching Out

## Community Partners at Work



King & Spalding's dedication to community service is as strong as the firm's commitment to excellence in the practice of law. In 2008, hundreds of lawyers and staff dedicated their time and talents to more than 81 volunteer projects. In the following pages, we share with you a few Community Partners Program highlights.

### Essential Needs

In difficult economic times, more working families find themselves making hard choices among groceries, rent, clothing and other basic necessities. The firm focuses many of its volunteer efforts on providing these basic needs, including affordable housing, food, clothing and hygiene items.

Volunteers hosted two "sandwich-a-thons" and prepared more than 4,000 sandwiches for soup kitchens at Martha's Table and Crossroads Community Ministries. Employees and their families also made several visits to the Atlanta Community Food Bank to sort and box food donations for local shelters and food pantries.



Last summer, King & Spalding teamed up with the Legal Division of The Coca-Cola Company to co-sponsor and build its eighth house with Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. The house will serve as a permanent residence for homeowner Lizzie Harden, her daughter Monica and two young grandchildren. The firm also participated in Atlanta Habitat's 25th anniversary celebration and helped sponsor and build Habitat's 1,000th home.

For K&S Cares Day, a firm-wide service event, Charlotte employees organized a food drive to collect canned and boxed goods for Loaves & Fishes, a nonprofit pantry that provides food, clothing and other supplies to people in need. Employees also prepared grocery orders and stocked shelves at the pantry. Later in the year, they collected clothing, household items and personal care products for low-

## feeding the hungry



income families served by the Crisis Assistance Ministry Free Store in Charlotte. Employees also donated basic health and hygiene items and assembled kits for distribution to women and children living in homeless shelters.

### Raising Money, Raising Hope

- The annual K&S Cinco de Mayo event raised \$43,200 for the American Cancer Society, The March of Dimes and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.
- Our Polly Hatcher Golf Tournament team raised \$21,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.
- Our Chili Bake fundraiser raised more than \$8,000 to help rebuild the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans.



## notes of encouragement

- A King & Spalding team raised \$44,500 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society during the Vermont MS Bike Ride, ranking first in fundraising.
- Several offices raised a total of \$11,500 through a Denim Day for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in the fight against breast cancer.
- Office blood drives resulted in 258 pints for the New York Blood Center and American Red Cross, Metro Atlanta.
- Volunteers raised funds to stock and send 144 monthly care packages to troops in Iraq.
- Lawyers and staff contributed more than \$1,240,000 in support of the United Ways in our cities.
- Employees donated hundreds of women's and men's professional clothing items and accessories for Suited for Change, Dress for Success, and MenzFit, three nonprofit organizations that provide interview clothing and work attire to individuals seeking employment.

### K&S Cares Day

In 2005, the firm debuted King & Spalding Cares Day, a series of firm-sponsored activities designed to unite lawyers and staff in community service across our offices.

Last year, King & Spalding volunteers partnered with Rebuilding Together NYC to renovate an outdoor gathering space for families at the AIDS Service Center of New York, which offers education, training, HIV counseling and testing, and other services that help individuals and families survive and thrive in the face of HIV/AIDS. Lawyers and staff cleared brush, planted bushes, built picnic tables and refurbished benches in the backyard garden.

At Piedmont Park, Atlanta's primary urban park, King & Spalding personnel and their families planted herbs and drought-resistant plants to beautify the park for visitors. The children who accompanied their parents volunteered by decorating planters, potting plants, and hand-crafting pinecone bird feeders and stepping stones.

The Houston office hosted a "farmers" market, provided lunch and organized bingo games for residents at Salvation Army's William Booth Garden Apartments, which provides safe and quality housing for disabled and senior citizens. Lawyers and staff collected toiletries, movies, books, ties and scarves; donated fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables; and invited residents to "shop" for items at the various booths.

The London office hosted a Quiz Night fundraiser and auction for Richard House, London's first children's hospice. Richard House cares for and supports terminally ill children and their families. In Charlotte, employees collected food donations and volunteered at the Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

### Caring for Our Children & Youth

Volunteers in the Dubai office partnered with our Houston volunteers for their first King & Spalding community service project, Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, a national project sponsored by Camp Fire USA. Lawyers and staff wrote 130 notes of encouragement to children served by the Nehemiah Center, which offers academic, emotional, cultural and social enrichment to children and families in Houston's poorest neighborhoods. Charlotte also kicked off its first volunteer project with Kid Day, writing letters to the children of A Child's Place, which provides education and services to homeless children and



## building homes

their families. D.C. attorneys and staff wrote 75 letters to children at Berkshire Elementary School.

All 350 students at the Atlanta office's partner school, Whitefoord Elementary, received upbeat, supportive letters for Absolutely Incredible Kid Day. Later in the year, students from Whitefoord's CADRE leadership program visited the firm for a career day and partnered with the firm's paralegals to collect toys for homeless children in their neighborhood.

Anacostia High School received some special attention from D.C. volunteers, who helped with landscaping, cleaning the stadium and painting murals in the gym as part of the Hands On D.C. Work-a-thon. Children of Atlanta staff members collected books and bears for Operation Storybook, a program at Sheltering Arms, a nonprofit child care agency that inspires an early love of literature.

Twenty-one children at the Incarnation Children's Center received goodie-filled Easter baskets and gifts from New York office personnel. The ICC focuses on specialized care for children with HIV/AIDS. A school supply drive was held for The Fishing School, which provides a safe haven for after-school tutoring, enrichment, and recreation in Washington, D.C.

The Atlanta office partnered with Camp Twin Lakes, a year-round recreational, therapeutic and educational program for children facing serious illnesses and other physical, emotional and life changes. Volunteers built more than 35 benches for the camp's 500-acre facility.

## **Hitting the Pavement**

Volunteers across our offices participated in walks and runs to raise money for worthy causes, including the prevention and treatment of illnesses such as breast cancer, diabetes and heart disease.

Runners hit the streets for the Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run in Houston to benefit The Center Serving Persons with Mental Retardation. The Wheels of Justice MS Bike Ride team included cyclists from the New York office and raised more than \$44,000 to support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Volunteers from the Houston and Atlanta offices supported breast cancer awareness by participating in Tour de Pink and Race for the Cure. The D.C. office sponsored and participated in the 18th annual Lawyers Have Heart 10K to raise awareness for the nation's #1 and #3 killers: cardiovascular disease and stroke.



## fulfilling holiday wishes

## **Holiday Projects**

King & Spalding "Secret Santas" fulfilled the wish lists of 205 Atlanta children in foster care and adopted 150 "angels" through the Angel Tree program with The Salvation Army in Washington, D.C. Lawyers and staff also purchased clothing, shoes, toys and other gifts for 35 Charlotte children and seniors for The Salvation Army's Christmas Assistance Program.

Through The Association of Junior Leagues International Holiday Hamper program, King & Spalding volunteers collected gifts, food and toiletries for low-income families and elderly people in London. Dubai employees raised funds through Denim Days and a holiday fundraiser for Helping Hands UAE, which provides aid



## cycling to raise money and awareness



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to indigent laborers in Dubai. Houston employees sponsored and participated in a Christmas program and party with Don Jeter Elementary School students. The event was organized by Navidad en el Barrio, a nonprofit that provides assistance and services to low-income children.

The holiday wishes of more than 75 children from the Hudson Guild's Children and Youth Services Program were turned into reality with gifts from New York personnel. Hudson Guild provides services to disadvantaged people living in Chelsea and surrounding neighborhoods. ♦

**Our 2008 Community Partnerships**

- A Child's Place
- A.G. Rhodes Home
- AIDS Service Center of New York
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- American Red Cross
- Anacostia High School
- Angel Dog Rescue
- The Association of Junior Leagues International
- Association of Legal Administrators
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Atlanta Community Food Bank
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Atlanta Urban Ministry
- Berkshire Elementary School
- Bethune Elementary School
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Camp Fire USA
- Camp Twin Lakes
- The Center Serving Persons with Mental Retardation
- Collaborative Education Partnership
- Crisis Assistance Ministry
- Crossroads Community Ministries
- Don Jeter Elementary School
- Douglas County Animal Shelter
- Dress for Success
- Eating Disorders Information Network
- The Fishing School
- Fulton County Family & Children Services
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hands On Atlanta
- Hands On D.C.
- Helping Hands UAE
- Hong Kong Red Cross
- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Independent School District
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Hudson Guild
- Incarnation Children's Center
- Kristi's Christmas
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- Loaves and Fishes
- Make It Right New Orleans
- March of Dimes
- Martha's Table
- Meals on Wheels
- MenzFit
- Mercy Corps
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Navidad en el Barrio
- The Nehemiah Center
- New York Blood Center
- Our Place
- PAWS
- Philips Tower Presbyterian Home
- Piedmont Park
- Pink Ribbons Project
- Richard House
- Rebuilding Together NYC
- The Salvation Army
- Senior Connections
- Sheltering Arms
- Smothers Elementary School
- State Bar of Georgia
- Suited for Change
- Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- UNICEF
- United Way
- Whitefoord Elementary School