

Miller Canfield Brightens Christmas For Teen Moms And Their Children

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A group of teen moms and their children were recently treated to Christmas with a holiday dinner and other delightful treats and surprises in the law offices of **Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.** The Detroit-based law firm hosted the party for **Alternatives for Girls (AFG)**. AFG was inspired in 1985 when a group of southwest Detroit residents, clergy, and business people began to share concerns about the alarming increase in drug use, homelessness, prostitution, and street activity among girls and young women. Currently in its fourteenth year, it remains committed to making a difference in the lives of the at-risk and homeless girls and young women in the Detroit area community.

Mark K. Schrupp, an AFG board member and attorney with Miller Canfield commented that "Miller Canfield is pleased to contribute in a small way to the goals of the Alternatives for Girls organization." He, along with attorneys **Donald D. Nystrom** and **Thomas D. Colis** masqueraded as Santa's elves, with principal **Jerry T. Rupley** in the title role of Jolly Old St. Nick. Each child sat on Santa's lap and was personally presented with a gift bag from monies contributed by Miller Canfield employees.

Thomas W. Linn, Miller Canfield's chief executive officer said "It is part of the culture of Miller Canfield to be involved in civic organizations and to lend a helping hand. Although we were a bit concerned about not having a chimney, Santa and his eight reindeer were able to make a smooth landing on the balcony—guided by Rudolph, of course!"

Miller Canfield is also assisting AFG with donations and other support in their effort to raise \$4.5 million for a new facility that will more than double its services. AFG needs to raise \$91,000 before December 31, 2001 to meet a challenge grant with the Kresge Foundation. You may contact Jan Gondek for further information regarding AFG or its capital campaign at 313/964-5450.

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