

Miller Canfield Celebrates 25th Anniversary in Ann Arbor with 25 Local Nonprofits

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The law firm of Miller Canfield is celebrating 25 years in Ann Arbor by volunteering time and donating to 25 local nonprofit organizations. The office officially kicked off its anniversary celebration in July by sponsoring the Gladys Knight concert on opening night of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Dubbed "25 for 25," the celebration will continue through December 2010.

"Our 25th anniversary in Ann Arbor is a milestone bigger than a single-day celebration," said Joseph Fazio, managing director and head of the Ann Arbor office. "Rather than throwing a party, we decided to celebrate by making a positive impact in our community. We have always supported local charitable and nonprofit organizations—by volunteering, serving on boards, and making financial contributions."

"While we will continue these efforts, the emphasis of "25 for 25" is more hands on. The folks in our Ann Arbor office wanted to work with these organizations on a more personal level. Volunteer teams are led by employees at all levels," Fazio said.

Miller Canfield's Ann Arbor office, which has almost 80 lawyers and staff, began its 25th Anniversary Celebration with these organizations:

- **Ann Arbor Art Center** - purchased three Bike Hoops in honor of the Center's 100th Anniversary
- **Humane Society of Huron Valley** - Walk-n-Wag sponsors and walkers
- **Avalon Housing** – volunteers planted flowers and vegetable gardens for Parkhurst and Stimson Apartment residents with the Washtenaw County Bar Association, as part of "Project Grow"
- **Bryant Community Center** – delivered 50 backpacks and a cash donation to benefit the school's back-to-school backpack drive for low-income students
- **Creekshead Nature Preserve of the Legacy Land Conservancy** - volunteers improved visitor trails and beautified pathways
- **ElderQuest (Continuing Education at Eastern Michigan University)** - volunteers worked a ticket booth at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Rubber Duckie Race
- **Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley** - volunteers contributed to the renovation and landscaping of two Habitat homes in Ypsilanti

Upcoming projects include:

- **Recycle Ann Arbor**
- **American Cancer Society**
- **Food Gatherers**
- **Neighborhood Senior Services**
- **Perry Nursery**
- **Safe House Center**
- **Toys for Tots**

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- **U.S. troops care packages**

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