

## Miller Canfield 'Pays it Forward' in Ann Arbor

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### Anniversary Celebration Includes Volunteering Time and Donations to 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. Dubbed "25 for 25," the yearlong commitment comes at a very important time as organizations are looking for extra assistance especially during the holiday season.

For example, this year's office holiday tree is a mitten tree to benefit the Ann Arbor Community Center's Emergency Assistance Clothes Closet for distribution to needy community members. New or used mittens, hats and scarves in child and adult sizes will adorn the tree. In addition, the office will gather gently used coats for donation.

Miller Canfield's Ann Arbor office, which has almost 80 lawyers and staff, participated in these projects:

- **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
- **Recycle Ann Arbor** - volunteers completely re-organized an entire area of the ReUse Center retail facility
- **American Cancer Society** - walkers raised \$870 in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk
- **Arts Alliance** - lawyers provided information for the arts and cultural community on intellectual property, taxes, incorporating, labor and employment, and additional topics as requested for individual artists, as well as entrepreneurs, and organizations involved in the arts and cultural community
- **Neighborhood Senior Services** - volunteers raked and bagged leaves at several homes in Ann Arbor

Miller Canfield opened its Ann Arbor office in July 1984 when it merged with DeVine, DeVine, Kantor and Serr. The firm offers businesses, governments, nonprofits, individuals and families a broad array of integrated legal and business services in over 55 areas. With Michigan roots for 157 years and a global reach for two decades, the firm has more than 370 lawyers throughout offices in Michigan, Illinois, Florida, New York, Ohio, Canada, Mexico, Poland and China.