

Katten Cares Pro Bono & Community Service Report



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'Tis the Season for Giving Back

Across the firm, Katten attorneys and staff are finding ways to celebrate the season by doing good.

On December 4, the Century City and downtown Los Angeles offices hosted their first annual holiday party for children receiving residential treatment through [Vista Del Mar Child & Family Services](#), a nonprofit agency that has provided family-centered social, educational and behavioral health services to generations of Southern California children. Each of the 38 children who attended received a gift purchased with donations from firm members. Click [here](#) to view a list of Katten participants who helped make the event a success, and to read some of the emails of thanks sent by Vista Del Mar staff.

This year, the Chicago office's holiday gathering kicked off a toy drive benefiting the [Chicago Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation](#). Firm members donated more than 100 new, unwrapped toys, which will be distributed to local families. Employees in the Chicago office also volunteered to purchase anywhere from 1 to more than 20 books for the nearly 800 students at Katten's Chicago Public School partner, [Jose de Diego Community Academy](#), as part of the office's annual holiday book drive. Click [here](#) to view a list of the individuals who donated their time and talent to help make the program a success.

Like the Chicago office, the New York office held a toy drive benefiting [Toys for Tots NYC](#). And as in previous years, firm members in New York are also collecting coats through December 31 for the annual [New York Cares Coat Drive](#), which this year aims to collect a record 200,000 coats this year so that residents in areas hit hard by Hurricane Sandy can be warm this winter.

This year the Washington, D.C. office saw record participation in its annual [Angel Tree](#) effort, adopting 74 children—23 more than last year—through the Salvation Army-sponsored program. In addition, the office again hosted a coat drive in partnership with the Water Street Gym and [Georgetown Ministry Center](#) to provide much-needed warmth and comfort to the homeless in the Georgetown community.

In Charlotte, where the number of homeless children has reached an all-time high, office members purchased gifts for families who have no other means to provide gifts for their children at Christmas, in coordination with local outreach programs.

Katten again selected the national [Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation](#) as the recipient of the annual holiday card donation in the United States, while Katten UK chose [Street Action](#), a British charity that partners with local agencies in Africa who work directly with street children, as the recipient of its holiday card donation.



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