



Community Involvement

OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In addition to providing superior legal services, our attorneys and staff recognize the importance of serving the communities where we live and work.

Whether participating in or hosting fundraisers, spending our free time helping individuals in need or offering leadership and guidance on various non-profit boards of directors, our employees constantly find new ways to give back to our communities.

Our Community Connections Committee was formed to help organize the philanthropic interests of our attorneys and staff members and translate them into concrete actions. In 2006, we established the Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard Charitable Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that supports and contributes to the local, regional and national charities selected by our Community Connections Committee each year.

Each year we are excited to participate in the United Way Campaign and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis's Motion for Kids, as well as the various races for causes such as the Komen Race for the Cure, Alzheimer's Association walk, Run for Little Hearts and Head for the Cure.

Our Community Connections Committee also organizes firm-wide events throughout the year to raise funds for selected charities, including our annual Trivia Night, Thanksgiving Luncheon and Bake Auction featuring items baked and prepared by our members and their families. In addition to our efforts for our primary charitable organizations, we raise money within our firm by hosting dress-down days and other events for elected secondary charitable organizations in the area.

For 2021, our Community Connections Committee elected and proudly supports:

Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City

Wonderscope's mission is to spark a lifelong love of learning through the universal and uniting power of play. Wonderscope's interactive learning environment is filled with hands-on experiences that support the physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development necessary for children to succeed in school and in life. Since 2018, the Wonder Fund has supported 55 family memberships and 51 field trips attended by 2,620 children from Title I schools across the Kansas City metro.

TaTa Sisterhood

TaTa Sisterhood is the chemotherapy angels, providing motivational and financial assistance to women suffering from Triple Negative Breast Cancer. As they strive to lessen their burden, they also aim to find a targeted treatment for Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Triple-Negative Breast Cancer hits young women and it hits aggressively. Often times, these ladies are just taking off in their careers or have very young children.

Got Your Six Support Dogs

Got Your Six supports military veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD. Applications for service dogs are accepted from across the United States; but the first recipients are the St. Louis metro-east and metropolitan area.

Additional charitable organizations our committee will support in 2021 include:

- **Happy Hooves Equine Rescue:** The horses are the beneficiaries! Happy Hooves strives to create a shelter for equines. It is a rescue that provides care, rehabilitation, and adoption services for abused, neglected, abandoned and unwanted horses.
- **Home Sweet Home:** In order to effectively address homelessness in America and impact a long-term solution to this problem, people transitioning out of homelessness need help with stability. At Home Sweet Home, they believe part of that stability comes from establishing a first home stocked with the necessities for everyday life. Part of maintaining a home is usability and affordability. Home Sweet Home helps make taking the first step to stable home life comfortable and accessible.
- **Camp Rainbow:** Camp Rainbow provides free camping experiences to children and families dealing with pediatric cancer or blood-related disease diagnosis. In a typical camp year, Camp Rainbow will host more than 850 campers in one of our seven programs. Like many charities, Camp Rainbow pivoted their programs to a virtual platform in 2020. They are proud to report that they were able to host nearly 1,000 campers in their programs in 2020 through the use of virtual platforms, creative program delivery and a volunteer from each community that helped create Camp-At-Home/Camp-In-A-Box programs for their campers and their families.
- **Waigand Wheels:** Their mission is to provide meaningful and productive volunteer opportunities and pre-employment training for individuals with developmental disabilities in the St. Louis Community while serving our community with home delivery services.

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