

# Review of Foundation Contributions

“As an international law firm, we believe it is important to provide financial support to the many charitable groups, legal service organizations and law schools that positively impact the world around us.”

—VICKI HOOD, President and Director

Kirkland’s commitment to public service runs deep. From our nationally recognized pro bono program to our close-knit diversity partnerships, we believe community betterment is essential to functioning at the highest level of our profession.

The Kirkland & Ellis Foundation is our financial prong to this mission.

Founded in 1982, the Foundation provides monetary support to charitable and law-related organizations that serve a range of initiatives. Anchored by 10 offices on three continents, the Foundation’s beneficial impact is felt in the United States and around the world, with regular support from Kirkland & Ellis International LLP. Annual contributions from Kirkland partners fund the Foundation. Employees, associates and partners of the Firm can also have charitable contributions matched through the Foundation’s Employee Matching Program.

The Foundation helps hundreds of charitable efforts succeed every year. Donations are primarily focused on groups that help improve the administration of legal services. Additional funds are donated to organizations committed to enhancing quality of life through emergency relief, legal assistance, community services, green/conservation efforts, cultural awareness, health care initiatives, youth programs, education opportunities and diversity sensitivity.

In 2010, the Foundation donated approximately \$6.1 million dollars to 1,036 charitable organizations in the United States and around the world.

This booklet profiles just a handful of the initiatives to which we provided financial support in 2010. It is an honor for us to partner with organizations that provide exceptional services to the world’s communities, in the same way that Kirkland has provided the highest quality legal services to its clients for more than 100 years.

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# Emergency Relief



## Kirkland's Fund for Haiti Earthquake Relief

After a devastating earthquake struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation and Kirkland employees contributed \$310,000 which went to the American Red Cross and the Grace House of Hope orphanage and school.

Since its founding in 1881, the American Red Cross has been the nation's premier emergency response organization. In an operation that has involved more emergency response teams than any other single-country disaster in global Red Cross history, the American Red Cross has so far spent or committed more than \$67 million to meet the most urgent needs of earthquake survivors in Haiti.

"The generous contributions and support of our partners are critical to the ability of the American Red Cross to provide help and hope for the people of Haiti during their time of need," said Jeffrey Towers, chief development officer of the American Red Cross. "We are rushing supplies and disaster management staff to Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake, and are very grateful to the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation, attorneys and staff for their support of our humanitarian mission."

Grace House of Hope orphanage and school has served as the home for numerous orphaned and

abandoned children in the outskirts of Port-au-Prince since its founding in 1992 by Marie Major. Grace House currently includes two orphanages and an on-site school that provides daily food and education to more than 200 children. Kirkland's contributions provided temporary relief for the children and helped fund orphanages, one of which collapsed.

In November 2010, after living in makeshift tents and temporary shelters for 10 months, the girls were able to move into the new orphanage and have started attending school again. Ms. Major and the girls now have better shelter and food sources than ever before. Kirkland attorneys also provided pro bono efforts to establish an expedited adoption process for Haitian orphans.

A number of Firm clients, including Code, Hennessy & Simmons, GTCR Golder Rauner, Madison Dearborn Partners, Oaktree Capital Management, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, as well as other organizations with whom we have strong relationships, including the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia, made or pledged to make significant donations totaling more than \$100,000 for the benefit of Grace House.



# Legal



### **Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS) is an organization of nearly 3,000 volunteer attorneys who, combined, handle more litigation and family law cases than any other legal aid program in Illinois. CVLS maintains 22 clinics throughout Chicago to assist individuals facing foreclosure, bankruptcy, divorce, landlord-tenant problems or immigration issues. In 2010, more than 18,000 low-income Chicagoans received free legal aid through CVLS.

### **Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County**

Since 1965, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) has provided free legal services to low-income residents in Los Angeles. NLSLA provides a wide range of volunteer opportunities for attorneys, paralegals, translators and students. By doing so, the organization makes services in housing, family, immigration and employment law available to those who can least afford it.

### **Public Counsel Law Center**

Public Counsel Law Center is the nation's largest public interest law firm concentrating on pro bono legal service to needy communities. Since 1970, Public Counsel has protected the rights of disadvantaged children, immigrants from more than 30 countries, the homeless and veterans by providing them with access to quality legal representation. Through the dedication of thousands of attorney and law student volunteers, Public Counsel annually delivers more than \$80 million worth of free assistance to low-income clients.

### **Public Interest Law Initiative**

The Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) is aimed at improving awareness of public interest law and the need for legal services for the underprivileged. PILI relies on support from donors such as Kirkland to provide opportunities for law students and lawyers to serve the underrepresented through education and legal advocacy. PILI works with law firms, agencies, schools and corporations to facilitate such opportunities. Since 1977, more than 3,000 law students and graduates have participated in PILI programs.

### **Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs**

For the past 40 years, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs has addressed issues of civil rights violations and poverty in Washington, D.C. The Committee's efforts and programs have expanded from a small staff focused on racial discrimination to a large organization providing pro bono representation in a broad range of civil rights and related poverty topics. Funding from the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation helps the private bar to address issues of civil rights violations and poverty in D.C.



# Community





### **The Commercial Club of Chicago**

The Commercial Club of Chicago, a membership organization of business and civic leaders throughout Chicago, is one of the city's oldest organizations promoting economic and social development. The Commercial Club has been involved in a variety of projects, such as cleaning and paving city streets, improving public schools, and developing city parks and playgrounds. To pursue their goals, the Commercial Club works with other organizations to streamline efforts.

### **FDNY Foundation**

The FDNY Foundation benefits the New York City Fire Department, supporting FDNY in its protection of New York City from fires, emergencies and terrorist attacks. Donations from the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation and other organizations help fund public outreach programs, equipment and technology, and education and training to reduce injuries and fatalities within the Department.

### **Sanctuary for Families**

Sanctuary for Families is dedicated to the safety, healing, and self-sufficiency of battered women and children. With multiple locations throughout New York City, Sanctuary for Families offers a broad range of services, including shelter, legal assistance and counseling. Kirkland proudly supports this organization in its effort to end the far-reaching impact of domestic violence through outreach, education and advocacy.

### **San Francisco Foodbank**

Each year, the San Francisco Foodbank collects millions of pounds of food from farmers, manufacturers and grocery stores, and donates it to more than 400 San Francisco organizations. These donations provide much-needed food to approximately 200,000 hungry people in San Francisco. The San Francisco Foodbank also provides nutrition education and more than 100 varieties of produce to enable people to set healthier goals and choices.

### **Women In Need Growing Stronger**

Women In Need Growing Stronger (WINGS) provides housing and supportive services to women and their children who are on the verge of becoming homeless in Chicago's Northwest suburbs. WINGS manages 21 transitional homes and apartments, three permanent housing units and a 15,000-square-foot house that can accommodate up to 45 women and children. In 2010, WINGS offered shelter to more than 400 individuals, and provided more than 3,200 hours of counseling services to 130 additional women and children.



# Green/Conservation



### **Elephant Sanctuary**

The Elephant Sanctuary is the nation's largest natural habitat refuge developed specifically for endangered African and Asian elephants. The Sanctuary operates on 2,700 acres 85 miles southwest of Nashville, Tennessee. Donations like those received from the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation help to expand the sanctuary and provide the most proactive approach to elephant care.

### **Farm Sanctuary**

Farm Sanctuary has provided care for farm animals since 1986. They strive to protect farm animals from cruelty, inspire change in the way society views and treats farm animals, and encourage vegan living. The Farm operates two shelters — one in New York and one in California — each spanning hundreds of acres. Kirkland's funding supports legal programs, cruelty investigations, public education, and the rescue and shelter of abused animals.

### **Friends of Ryerson Woods**

Friends of Ryerson Woods sponsors environmental education and nature preservation at the Emmanuel L. Ryerson Woods in Northern Illinois. Ryerson Woods is a 556-acre preserve, more than 275 acres of which have been dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve. The preserve includes six miles of hiking trails and is home to a number of rare species, including the blue-spotted salamander, red-shouldered hawk and purple fringed orchid.

### **Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy**

The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy protects significant natural, scenic and agricultural lands in Northwest Michigan. It protects land through conservation easement, land acquisition and assistance of local government with land transfers. Since 1991, the Conservancy has protected more than 33,000 acres of farm lands and more than 100 miles of shoreline.

### **Northwoods Wildlife Center**

Northwoods Wildlife Center (NWC) is a wildlife rehabilitation and education center in Northern Wisconsin committed to improving the future of wildlife through rehabilitation, education and research. Each year, NWC takes in an average of 700 to 1,000 patients, including mammals, birds and reptiles. NWC also offers education programs and tours of the facility throughout the year.



# Culture



### **Chicago Humanities Festival**

The Chicago Humanities Festival (CHF) provides opportunities for individuals of all ages to enjoy cultural activities centered around new developments in the arts, science, history, literature and philosophy. Each fall, talented artists produce concerts, films and lectures for thousands of festival attendees to showcase the world's cultures to diverse audiences. CHF also presents programs through out the year.

### **El Museo del Barrio**

El Museo del Barrio, New York's leading Latino cultural institution, is committed to promoting and celebrating Latino, Caribbean and Latin American cultures. There are more than 6,500 pieces of art on display to the public, in addition to educational programs for people of all ages. Kirkland's financial support to El Museo del Barrio enables the museum to continue offering unique exhibits, celebrations and programs.

### **Redwood Library and Athenaeum**

Founded in 1747, the Redwood Library and Athenaeum is the oldest lending library in America and the oldest library building in continuous use in the country. Over the years, its collections have grown from 750 to more than 160,000 volumes. The library relies on donations to improve the building, acquire new books, and provide lectures and other programs to members.

### **Signature Theatre Company**

The Signature Theatre Company was founded in 1991 to honor and celebrate playwrights. It was the first theatre company to devote an entire season of work to the same playwright — an approach that continues today. The company relies on support from donors such as Kirkland to build its new facility, which will allow for additional programs in a larger space and keep tickets affordable to the public.

### **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is the country's official Holocaust memorial, created as a way to advance the public's knowledge about the Holocaust and serve as a memorial for those who lost their lives during that time. Since the museum's opening in 1993, it has received more than 30 million visitors from all over the world. Donations to the museum help preserve its historical collections and expand educational programs.



# Health Care



### **AIDS/LifeCycle**

AIDS/LifeCycle (ALC) was created in 2002 by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center. This seven-day bike ride, which starts in San Francisco and ends in Los Angeles, raises money to benefit HIV/AIDS research and programs. Each year, more than 2,500 cyclists raise funds for HIV/AIDS services, increasing awareness of HIV/AIDS. Since its inception, AIDS/LifeCycle has raised more than \$60 million for AIDS education.

### **Cancer Research Institute**

Cancer Research Institute (CRI) strives to develop new, immune-based approaches for the treatment, control and prevention of cancer. Since its founding in 1953, nearly 3,000 dedicated scientists and clinicians have worked at universities, hospitals and research centers worldwide to learn how to manipulate the immune system to attack cancer. Kirkland is proud to support CRI in its training and research efforts.

### **Children's Memorial Foundation**

Children's Memorial Foundation works to secure contributions for Children's Memorial Hospital, which is the Chicago area's top provider of pediatric specialty care and the only freestanding hospital in Illinois exclusively for children. In 2010, more than 146,000 patients were treated at the hospital. Through the generosity of donors such as Kirkland, Children's Memorial is able to provide world-class health care to all patients.

### **Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America**

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) is dedicated to finding a cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis through research and education. More than 1.4 million individuals in the United States suffer from these diseases. Funding from the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation helps to support public programs, patient education, seminars and publications.

### **Doctors Without Borders**

Doctors Without Borders was founded in 1971 to provide medical care in war-stricken, developing countries and areas struck by natural disaster. Each day, more than 27,000 committed doctors, nurses and other qualified professionals work to increase access to vaccinations and other forms of medical aid. For its humanitarian work in nearly 60 countries, Doctors Without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999.



# Youth





### **Children's Home + Aid**

Children's Home + Aid has improved the lives of children and their families throughout Illinois for more than 125 years. Each year, Children's Home + Aid serves nearly 40,000 individuals through 70 social service programs that provide counseling, foster care and education. With the support of organizations such as Kirkland, Children's Home + Aid can continue to provide help, hope and opportunities to children and families in need.

### **International Organization for Adolescents**

The International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA) is a U.S.-based, non-governmental organization working in more than 20 countries worldwide to combat human trafficking, empower girls, and support orphans in their transition to adulthood. IOFA partners with individuals and groups to provide training, program development and networking opportunities between adolescent-focused organizations. Such knowledge-sharing is beneficial not only to these groups, but to the youth they serve.

### **Rosemary Children's Services**

Rosemary Children's Services is one of the oldest charities on the West Coast dedicated to helping neglected and abused boys and girls of all ages. Each year, nearly 400 children benefit from Rosemary's on-site housing, private schooling and therapy programs.

Rosemary also serves as a foster home for approximately 300 youth each year, providing a stable environment, emotional support, and school and job assistance for children up to 18 years of age.

### **The Guardsmen**

Since 1947, The Guardsmen has focused on improving the lives of at-risk youth in the Bay Area. More than 2,500 disadvantaged youth participate in The Guardsmen's outdoor education programs each year. For many of these children, this is their first venture into a wilderness setting. More than 250 students also receive scholarships to attend private schools.

### **Youth Automotive Training Center**

The Kirkland & Ellis Foundation proudly supports Youth Automotive Training Center (YATC), which trains and educates at-risk youth in basic automotive repair skills, academic remediation, job readiness and life management skills. The program prepares young people to become self-sufficient adults. Monetary donations to YATC fund textbooks for GED preparation, students' public transportation costs, and groceries for these disadvantaged teens and their families.



# Education



### **All Stars Project, Inc.**

The All Stars Project, Inc. (ASP) is an after-school program committed to building cultural knowledge in inner-city youth. Each year, thousands of individuals, ages five to 25, participate in several dozen All Stars events at locations on the East and West Coasts, and Chicago. The organization promotes development through performing arts activities, thus building leadership and social skills in thousands of disadvantaged and diverse children annually.

### **The Chicago Public Education Fund**

The Chicago Public Education Fund (CPEF) invests in well-managed, high-impact programs that improve school leadership and student achievement throughout the system. CPEF is dedicated to improving all Chicago public schools by building talented teams of principals and teachers. CPEF is the only fund of its kind dedicated to improving an urban school system and was established to encourage private sector investment in public education.

### **Golden Apple Foundation**

The Golden Apple Foundation was founded in 1985 to honor exceptional Chicago area teachers. Each year, more than 600 teachers are nominated, and a committee selects 10 recipients to receive a cash award and a paid semester sabbatical at Northwestern University. With only 77 percent of Illinois public high school students graduating, the Golden Apple Foundation recognizes that high quality teachers are needed to raise the graduation rate, which ultimately affects Illinois' economic conditions.

### **Law Schools**

The Kirkland & Ellis Foundation makes donations to leading law schools around the nation and the world. The contributions fund endowed law chairs, sponsorships, minority scholarships and public school fellowships. In 2010, the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation contributed or pledged funds to numerous law schools.

### **Manhattan Beach Education Foundation**

The Manhattan Beach Education Foundation (MBEF) raises money to improve and enhance the educational programs provided in Manhattan Beach public schools. State funding for education in California is inadequate for many basic programs and insufficient to fund enrichment programs. MBEF relies on donations from organizations such as Kirkland to support teachers, counselors and other educators who might otherwise be eliminated from schools.

### **Working in the Schools**

Working in the Schools (WITS) is focused on increasing the reading proficiency and learning capacity of low-income and minority students in Chicago Public Schools. WITS' Power Lunch program matches corporate volunteers with students. Throughout the school year, volunteers visit classrooms to read to students on a weekly basis. The program, founded in 1991, now serves more than 2,500 students in 28 elementary schools with the support of more than 1,400 volunteers.



# Diversity



### **Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center**

The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) advocates for justice for the Asian American community in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia. Particularly, APALRC works to break down the language and cultural barriers that prevent quality legal services from reaching the Asian American community. It does so through an experienced staff of attorneys, paralegals and trained legal interpreters.

### **Immigration Equality**

Immigration Equality fights for equality under U.S. immigration law for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV-positive individuals. Its membership has grown to more than 10,000 nationwide since its founding in 1994. Immigration Equality strives to create a better understanding of immigration law and LGBT issues within these communities through outreach, advocacy and information sharing.

### **National Black Law Students Association**

The National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) is a nationwide organization formed to advance the needs and goals of black law students and accomplish change in the legal community. NBLSA works toward this mission through legislative advocacy, career guidance, support for prospective law students and voice protection. It is the largest student-run organization in the United States, with more than 6,000 members and more than 200 chapters.

### **National Latina/o Law Student Association**

The National Latina/o Law Student Association (NLLSA) is a student-run organization that focuses on addressing legal issues in the Latina/o community. NLLSA has chapters at law schools all across the United States and works with the local communities through outreach programs and service projects. The goal of these programs is to teach young Latina/o adults to strengthen their understanding of the law and to motivate them to pursue a legal career.

### **New York Asian Women's Center**

The New York Asian Women's Center (NYAWC) was founded in 1982 by a group of volunteers from the Asian community who recognized that Asian immigrant women had nowhere to turn when faced with domestic violence. NYAWC's services have grown from an emergency hotline with limited hours to two 24-hour shelters with capacity for 40 beds. NYAWC relies on donations from organizations such as Kirkland to provide food, counseling and shelter to hundreds of battered women each year.



# International



### **Barts and The London Charity**

Barts and The London Charity is dedicated to raising funds for new health care, medical research and education to improve the life quality of Londoners and beyond. Over the past nine years, they have raised more than £150 million via grants and fundraising. Three local hospitals — St. Bartholomew’s (London’s oldest hospital), The Royal London and The London Chest — benefit from The London Charity, enabling them to continue providing patients with the best care possible.

### **Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths**

The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (FSID) is the United Kingdom’s largest funder of medical research into sudden infant death. The charity is aimed at preventing unexpected deaths in infancy and promoting infant health. FSID relies on donations such as those from the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation to fund research projects, and offer networks of support and training for families.

### **Impetus Trust**

Impetus Trust uses a unique model of long-term, hands-on venture philanthropy to increase the effectiveness of the many charities it supports. The Trust selects groups that benefit the less fortunate

and works with these groups to develop funding and expertise. Charities and social enterprises supported by Impetus have increased their income by more than 30 percent a year and increased the number of people they help by an average of 40 percent a year.

### **Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centres**

Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centres offer a network of cancer support centers in Great Britain. With 13 centres across the United Kingdom and two overseas, the centres serve as a sanctuary for cancer patients and those who care about them. The organization, which was founded by a cancer victim’s husband, offers emotional and social support, information and advice.

### **The London Legal Support Trust**

The London Legal Support Trust supports volunteer agencies that offer free legal advice to disadvantaged members of society. The Trust supports services across a multitude of legal areas, including harassment, housing and employee benefits. Funds are raised through various events around the city, including the London Legal Walk. In May, Kirkland attorneys and staff joined 4,500 other participants in the 10-kilometer walk, which raised more than £400,000.