Secrest Wardle Proudly Announces Successful 2016 "Casual Fridays" Charity Sponsorship Efforts



Secrest Wardle Headquarters, Troy, MI

Secrest Wardle encourages charitable giving each week throughout the year by offering employees in the Firm's three office locations the opportunity to participate in "Casual Fridays." Employees are able to suggest charities for weekly sponsorship. For a \$5.00 cash donation to the chosen charity, business casual attire is permitted in the office. In 2016, the Firm commendably raised a total of \$10,009.00 for a wide variety of causes!

In an effort to support Troy families in need during the holiday season, Secrest Wardle participated in the 22nd Annual Food and Gift Drive sponsored by the <u>Troy Police Department</u>, <u>VFW Post #4037</u> and <u>Alliance Mobile Health</u> by adopting a family. During the month of December, Secrest Wardle devoted two "Casual Fridays" to raising funds for the single mother and her two young children. The Firm successfully raised \$673.00 which was used to buy presents and gift cards for the family. Secrest Wardle also designated the funds from multiple "Casual Fridays" throughout the year to <u>Gleaner's Community Food Bank</u> – donating a total of \$3,725.00 to the charity.

The Troy Police Department, VFW Post #4037, and Alliance Mobile Health have collected food and gifts for residents of the Troy community for 22 years. Community organizations aid sponsors in identifying residents who would benefit from the effort, including children that would otherwise not have received gifts during the holidays, struggling families, senior citizens with no family, or any Troy resident in need. Those interested in making a contribution to the Annual Food and Gift Drive may do so by "adopting a family," making a monetary donation or donating food to the effort.

Gleaner's Community Food Bank exists to provide households with access to sufficient, nutritious food, and related resources. Gleaners distributes 79,000 meals each day throughout southeastern Michigan. The organization operates five distribution centers in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, and Monroe counties that provide food to 535 partner soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and other agencies. Every dollar donated to Gleaners provides three meals to the hungry and 93 cents of every donated dollar goes to food and food programs.

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