

# 2016 Annual Report

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## Leadership Letter







On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Holland & Hart Foundation (Foundation), we want to take a moment to thank each of you who contributed to the Foundation's achievements in 2016. Our office committees, dedicated volunteers, and generous donors helped bring out the very best in the people

at Holland & Hart. Our 2016 Annual Firm-Wide Food Drive was the most successful food drive yet, surpassing our goal of raising \$30,000 in food and donations. The Stern Family Summer project continued to inspire another generation of philanthropists, encouraging both children and their families to get involved with local charities. We continued to fill students' backpacks with weekend meals and school supplies. We made sure that people's holiday wishes would come true with holiday drives and giving trees. We got our hands dirty building more than 100 bikes for local school children. It was a busy year and our volunteers touched many lives. We hope you enjoy reading about the contributions of each of our offices this year (visit our website to learn about all of our projects), and we hope you'll join us in the upcoming year as we continue to expand our reach and impact.

Sincerely,

Isuley Wald Chris

Ashley, Chris, and Tom

### **Annual Firm-wide Food Drive**

This year we divided the firm's offices and floors into 3 categories (small, medium, and large). The 3 winners of the 2016 firm-wide Foundation food drive were:

Small Office – Carson City; 175.6 pounds per person (ppp) Medium Office – Denver Tech Center; 41.37 ppp Large Office – 31st/32nd floor in Denver; 54.87 ppp

# As a firm, we collected 30,762 pounds of food.

A special thank you to Val Stephens for coordinating the cash and checks, and thanks as well to Debbie Campbell and Evelyn Honey for assisting with marketing this effort around the firm.

Huge thank yous to Caren Adkins, April Hurst, Clarissa Collier, Beth Cooperstein, Tamara Lindsay, Lauren Caplan, Sarah Ritchey, Paige Coriden, LouAnn Canjar, Charles Davis, Stephanie Stach, Adrian Miller, Jeannie Frei, Grace Witsel, Beau Bump, Jen Osler, Lee Gray, Bailey Schreiber, Joe Went, Lou Kemper, Barbara Thurgood, Barbara Wallin, Trudi Rouse, Sam Veth, Danielle Glad, Lisamarie Ortiz, Andrea Gonzales, and Michael O'Leary, who all served as floor/office coordinators.



▲ Towers of food collected by the Reno office.



▲ Delivery by Denver messengers to the food bank van.



Creative prodding by Denver's 25th floor.



▲ Colorful presentation of Roise's food collection.

### **Partner Retreat**

A team of the firm's partners, along with Sam and Jean Guyton, spent a warm September afternoon weeding, planting, and maintaining the Troy Chavez Memorial Peace Garden in Denver's Sunnyside neighborhood.





▲ Partners from across the firm toiled in the soil at the Chavez Memorial Garden.

◀ Memorial at the garden's entrance which is dedicated to youth killed by qun violence in Denver.

## Mississippi Project

Inspired by the documentary, "LaLee's Kin," the Foundation has funded a scholarship program to recognize an exceptional student, teacher, and teacher's assistant in the West Tallahatchie School District every year for 12 years. This year's winners are:



▲ Meloney Beasley, Outstanding Teacher of the Year



▲ Beulah Washington, Outstanding Assistant Teacher of the Year



◀ Justin Miller, Promise Scholarship Recipient

The Stern Family Summer Project provides an opportunity for children and young relatives of firm attorneys and staff to learn the value of philanthropy and volunteerism at an early age. This year, the 10th year of the project, 25 children ranging from age 5 to age 17 with connections to the firm's Cheyenne, Denver, Denver Tech Center, and Salt Lake City offices volunteered or visited an organization of their choice and shared their experience in a letter or a drawing. \$2,400 was donated to 15 organizations in the name of the children who participated on behalf of our generous donor, the Stern Family.



Lorelei and Stella Cooper - Art in Action



Isabelle May - Children's International Summer Villages







Olivia Hanlon, Morgan Lemmon, and Ryan Lemmon - Denver Urban Gardens

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Emma, Grace, Nicholas, and Sam Maxwell - Shiloh House





Dana and Ethan Wald - Dumb Friends League





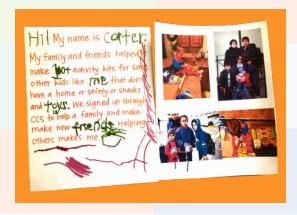


Lydia and Nathaniel Wells - This is the Place Heritage Park



Lucy and Martha Gray - Newborns in Need

Grant Sorenson - Northern Utah Valley Animal Shelter



Carter Maxwell - Catholic Community
Services of Utah

#### OTHER PROJECTS NOT PICTURED:

Luke and Olivia Gregorio - St. Joseph's Catholic Church Confirmation Class Scholarship Fund Kaylee Sanchez - Cheyenne Botanic Gardens Ben Sankel - Trinity Church Soup Kitchen Braxden Hanzelka - Ulster Project of Utah Kaiya Hanzelka - Humane Society of Utah and Hope4Utah

See all project submissions at www.hollandhartfoundation.org/Stern\_Family\_Summer\_Project\_2016.pdf

## Lawyers in the Classroom

Lawyers in the Classroom was started by the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago and is run in Denver by the Center for Education in Law & Democracy and Denver Public Schools. Coordinated by Denver attorney Todd Criger, volunteer lawyers teach primarily lower-income elementary and middle school classroom students about basic aspects of our country's laws and constitutional rights in a fun and engaging format. This year, 62 Holland & Hart attorneys from our Denver, Denver Tech Center, and Boulder offices made 96 visits to 32 classrooms at 12 different Denver Public School District schools, teaching lessons about the Bill of Rights, rule-making, and interpreting laws. This was the largest group of volunteers yet!







▲ Lawyers work with small groups and facilitate classroom discussions about the Constitution.

## Aspen

## The Rotary Club of Aspen's Annual Ducky Derby Stickering Party

The Rotary Club of Aspen's Annual Ducky Derby Stickering Party is an all-hands-ondeck community event to put stickers on the bottom of 30,000 ducks for the Annual Ducky Derby river race that raises substantial sums for local non-profits. Over the past 19 years, the Rotary Club of Aspen has raised over \$2,000,000 for the benefit of local youth, health, and human services. On a warm August afternoon, 7 members of the Aspen office joined the who's who of Aspen area do-gooders, Rotarians, and even a handful of existing Holland & Hart clients, to get all the ducks stuck.



Lawyers, staff, family, and dogs help get the ducks stuck.

### Boulder

#### **Habitat for Humanity Flatirons**

Habitat for Humanity Flatirons partnered with a private developer to build Wonderland Creek, a project to build 4, single-family homes that provide safe, decent, affordable housing.

Members of the Boulder office raised funds from snack bar sales to sponsor a Habitat for Humanity Flatirons \$2,500 "Peak Season Build Day." In late May, a small but productive group helped to install insulation and roofing on a new home for a family left homeless after the Jamestown floods that includes ADA-compliant ramps for a veteran coping with neuropathy in his feet and legs. In June, 9 volunteers toiled in the hot sun on another new home for a family of 4, ecstatic to have more space than their CU-Boulder two-bedroom apartment.



▲ Donning hard hats and tool belts, the team help builds a home beam by beam.

## Colorado Springs

#### Adopt-A-Student Holiday Gift Program

The Colorado Springs office provided holiday gifts to 18 students in need through the Adopt-A-Student Holiday Gift Program, which serves about 350 local students. 10 volunteers shopped for gifts and the office hosted a gift-wrapping lunch before the presents were delivered to the students.



▲ Many hands make the wrapping party lots of fun.

### Denver

#### Wish for Wheels Bike Build

The Denver office partnered again this year in a "bike build" event with Wish for Wheels, a local non-profit with a simple mission: to get new bicycles in the hands of disadvantaged kindergarten and first grade kids in Denver and beyond. More than 150 members of the Denver office donated funds to purchase 100 bikes. An enthusiastic team of more than 70 builders had the bikes put together in just under an hour. The next day, another team of 10 volunteers helped Wish for Wheels with the surprise give away of the bikes to the ecstatic 1st grade students at Valverde Elementary School, a Title 1 school. Many of these students had never had a bike in their family.



▲ Several of the happy children at Valverde Elementary School who received bikes.



▲ Members of firm management lend a hand to build bikes.

## **Denver Tech Center**

## Brothers Redevelopment Paint-a-thon

In early August, the firm partnered with Brothers Redevelopment, a local non-profit that provides housing and a variety of housing-related services for the region's lowincome, elderly, and disabled residents, for a day-long paint-a-thon. We helped restore the family home of a 66-year old Denver native who struggles with respiratory issues. For many years, she was a vocational and health counselor and a middle school teacher in language arts and social studies. Our team of 25 volunteers from the Denver Tech Center, Denver, and Boulder offices gave her family home (last painted in 2008) a much-needed spruce-up.



The hardy team takes pride in a one-day transformation.

## Washington, D.C.

#### Child of Mine Children's Summer BBO

The D.C. office hosted an End-of-School BBQ for approximately 60 children at the Children of Mine Youth Center in Southeast D.C. The BBO celebrated the children completing another successful school year. In addition to helpings of BBQ favorites, the event also featured a bounce-house, a snow cone machine, various crafts, a highly-entertaining foul shooting contest, and some professionalquality face painting courtesy of Holland & Hart's own Heidi Beltran. The event stations were staffed by D.C. office attorneys and staff.



▲ A patient young girl from the Children of Mine Youth Center gets special makeup.

## **Boise**

#### Idaho Food Bank

A dedicated group of 12 volunteers donned the required hair (and beard) nets to spend a few hours at the Idaho Food Bank warehouse helping to sort and bag over 3,000 pounds of peaches and plums for delivery to needy families in the area.



▲ Who says you can't be stylish in a hairnet?

## Billings

#### Broadwater Elementary School

Members of the
Billings office visit
Broadwater Elementary
School almost every
week during the school
year to provide reading
and math tutoring, and
sometimes chess club
support, for 2nd grade
students.



▲ Broadwater Elementary teacher with her "star" volunteers.

## **Carson City**

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada

Volunteers from the Carson City office donated \$555 that helped the Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada give 550 sweatshirts to its members as a holiday gift from Santa. 4 members of the office were on hand to give out sweatshirts and participate in the sugar cookie and ornament decorating activities. What a rewarding experience to see the kids excitedly lined up and the smiles on their faces!



▲ Our smallest office is proud to make a big impact, with help from Santa.

## Las Vegas

#### Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House provides temporary housing, at little or no cost, for families who travel to Las Vegas to receive critical medical treatment for their children. Volunteers help supply home cooked meals for families during their stay. A team of 20 members of the Las Vegas office, including several family members, shopped and cooked a delicious home-cooked dinner that served 10 families.









▲ Our families helped cook meals for families away from home while their children receive critical medical care.

### Reno

#### Adopt-a-Family

For this year's annual Adopt-a-Family program, the Reno office adopted 5 local families in need, referred by 5 local non-profits. From funds raised by potlucks, a bake sale, and generous donations, our holiday elves purchased almost every gift on the wish lists. Of course, the office wrapping party is always the most fun! 10 members of the office and some family members gathered to wrap gifts that were delivered in giant stockings to the Children's Cancer Foundation.





▲ Local families in need received GIANT stockings and beautifully wrapped gifts for the holidays.

### Santa Fe

#### Strides Against Breast Cancer 5-Mile Walk

The American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5-Mile Walk was quite personal for the Santa Fe office this year. The wife of one of our partners endured several rounds of chemo and is an amazing SURVIVOR. In addition to the generous monetary donations given by everyone in the office, 8 members of the office walked alongside our survivor to support her and all other survivors. With \$1535 in donations, we placed 4th out of 59 teams!



Striding alongside a survivor made this year's walk even more meaningful.

## Salt Lake City

#### Lincoln Elementary Cooking Class

The Salt Lake City office donated cooking and baking supplies, equipment, and cash to support a summer cooking class at Lincoln Elementary in Layton, Utah where many children are affiliated with Hill Air Force Base. The school's teachers nominated vulnerable children to participate in a free summer school program where the children would be safe and receive breakfast and lunch. One of the teachers volunteered to teach a cooking class but lacked the funds to purchase supplies and food. With the donations from Holland & Hart – including 50 pounds of flour, rolling pins, toaster ovens, and a hot plate - more than 150 students who attended the summer camp cooking class enjoyed making pizza, fruit smoothies, breakfasts, and learned some fractions along the way.



▲ Happy campers put supplies and equipment to good use in their summer cooking class.

## Cheyenne

#### Wyoming Pink Ribbon 5K Walk

Team Holland & Hooters. a dedicated group of 14, participated in the annual Wyoming Pink Ribbon 5K Walk, Other members of the office who were unable to join the walk made generous monetary donations. The community-developed event honors cancer survivors and remembers those who have lost their lives to cancer. Unfortunately, cancer has been quite personal for our office and we strive to bring awareness to finding a cure.



Team Holland & Hooters goes pink to honor cancer survivors.

## Jackson

#### Friday Food Bag Program

Bolstered by a generous donation from a local philanthropy group, the Jackson office's Friday Food Bag program expanded in 2016 to serve additional families and another school. Every member of the office helps to assemble and deliver much-needed fresh produce and non-perishable food to at-risk families of two local elementary school children 44 weeks of the year. In the fall, we increased our delivery to 17 bags each week and by year-end we delivered a total amount of nearly 600 bags of groceries.



▲ Weekly Friday morning delivery of grocery bags filled with fresh produce and non-perishable food to local elementary school.

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- 1. Create opportunities for individual and group volunteerism at Holland & Hart
- 2. Foster a greater sense of community among the attorneys and staff of Holland & Hart
- 3. Do good in the communities in which we practice professionally

To achieve these goals, Holland & Hart attorneys, staff, and their families participate in volunteer-driven community events organized by the Foundation's office committees.

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## FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES\*

## TOTAL PRO BONO & CIVIC HOURS\*

## FIRMWIDE FOOD DRIVE\*



2,171

Volunteers



285

**Projects** 



63,989

**Hours Contributed** 



30,762

Pounds of Food Collected





57,266

People Served



\$24.5 M

Time/Value of the Work



55,931

Meals Served





2017 SERVICE CHALLENGE: 70 YEARS 70 MINUTES

All Figures Represent
Our Best Estimates

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