Workers' Comp Wraps Up Another Year of Giving

By Deborah B. Richman

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION closed out 2017 with several opportunities for members of the Section and the Philadelphia Bar Association to donate resources, toys, clothing, time and more to a variety of charitable organizations and causes in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

On Nov. 30, the Section provided and served lunch to nearly 300 hungry homeless men at St. John's Hospice in Philadelphia. On the menu was ham, baked ziti, meatballs, sautéed string beans, sweet potatoes, TastyKake pies and Turkey Hill drinks. The monetary donation used to purchase the food was provided by Chartwell Law Offices; Del Collo & Mazzanti LLP; Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.; Gross & Kenney, LLP; Krasno, Krasno & Onwudinjo; Martin Law LLC; PearsonKoutcher LLP; Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano; and Schaff & Young. Any leftover food was sent to other shelters. In addition to the food, the firms gave St. John's \$2,900 for use in future programs. The lunch servers included Mary Wagner and Christine Berry, Angie Chernitsky and Denise Owens, Joseph Ring, Kayla Kieszek and Mark Davis, Laura Brooke and Mindy Levin, Alexis Handrich, Christopher Fox and Ruxandra Osgood, Jennifer Etkin and Deborah Richman. At the Section's Halloween Happy



Deborah B. Richman, Workers Compensation Section Charitable Events and Community Service Committee cochair (left), and Alexis Handrich, Section cochair (right), present a check from the Section to Katie Young-Wildes, vice president of advancement, Women Against Abuse, on Nov. 30.



Amit Shah (center, left to right), Hon. Audrey Beach and Mark L. Mazzanti, 2017 Section cochairs; Deborah B. Richman (second from left) and Jennifer A. Etkin, Charitable Events and Community Service Committee cochairs; with members of the U.S. Marine Corps and donations for Toys for Tots at the Downtown Club on Dec. 6.

Hour on Oct. 26 and the CLE program on Nov. 17, it collected money, including a donation from Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano, and donations in-kind for Women Against Abuse. Throughout the fall, the Section collected monetary donations and sold socks as part of the "Show Your Stripes Fundraiser" to raise money for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. Each house is responsible for 90 percent of its own funding, and the mansion at 39th and Chestnut streets is currently under construction to enable it to increase the number families it serves annually from 800 to 1,900. The Section also collected toys and monetary donations for Philadelphia Toys for Tots at its annual

holiday party held at the Downtown Club on Dec. 6.

During 2017, the Section made monetary donations to Saint John's Hospice, USO, PAWS, Mother's Home, Children's Village, Alex's Lemonade Stand, Cradles to Crayons, Texas SPCA, Women Against Abuse, Aid for Friends and Philadelphia Toys for Tots. Section members are looking forward to a wonderful 2018 full of charitable activities and events.

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