



KIRKLAND & ELLIS

# 2011 Review of Foundation Contributions

# About the Foundation

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 2011, the Foundation donated approximately \$6.6 million to 1,265 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 2011. 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.

**"Commitment to community is a guiding principle of our Firm. Through financial alignment with charitable groups, legal service organizations and law schools, we strive to honor our professional responsibilities through good corporate citizenship."**

—VICKI HOOD, President and Director



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# Emergency Relief

On March 11, 2011, a massive 9.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific Ocean near Northeastern Japan, triggering a 23-foot tsunami. In response to many inquiries by Kirkland's attorneys and staff, the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation created a matching fund to help the people of Japan. The Foundation and employees contributed \$180,000, benefiting the Red Cross International Response Fund via the American Red Cross, and one or more local charities recommended by the Firm's clients in Japan.

Since its founding in 1881, the American Red Cross has been one of the world's premier emergency response organizations. As part of a worldwide movement that offers neutral humanitarian care to the victims of war, the American Red Cross distinguishes itself by also aiding victims of devastating natural disasters. Over the years, the organization has expanded its services, always with the aim of preventing and relieving suffering.



# Legal

**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago:** Since 1987, the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago has provided legal services to low-income individuals in the Chicago area impacted by HIV. With the support of more than 100 attorneys, the Council has provided free legal services to thousands of people. In 2011, the Council selected Kirkland for its Friend of the Council award to recognize the Firm for its financial support and pro bono legal services for council clients.

**Alliance for Children's Rights:** The Alliance for Children's Rights has provided free legal services and support to more than 100,000 youth in Los Angeles County for 20 years. Its programs serve the critical needs of children and their families, such as health care, adoption and education. Kirkland was a proud sponsor of the Alliance's 18th annual dinner, which raised more than \$1.5 million for the Alliance's many programs to protect children's rights.

**Equal Justice Initiative:** The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) offers legal services to poverty-stricken defendants and prisoners who have been denied treatment in the legal system. EJI also works with activists and politicians to improve the administration of criminal justice. Financial support from donors like Kirkland allows EJI to challenge poverty in the Deep South, and address racial discrimination, segregation and prejudice.

**Jeremiah's Circle of Friends:** Jeremiah's Circle of Friends (JCF) offers affordable legal services, housing and youth programs to the less fortunate residents of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. The JCF Legal Clinic provides qualified individuals and businesses with legal advice, training and representation. Kirkland is a proud sponsor of the program and hosted the first annual fundraiser for JCF in their Washington, D.C. office in November 2011.

**Legal Aid Society:** The Legal Aid Society provides legal assistance to low-income individuals through its extensive network of neighborhood offices in New York City. The oldest civil program of its kind in the nation, the Society grants monetary donations to provide assistance to New York's most vulnerable, including senior citizens, children, persons living with HIV, immigrants and survivors of domestic violence. The Society handles 300,000 individual cases and matters annually.

**Pro Bono Partnership:** Since 1997, the Pro Bono Partnership has assisted underprivileged Connecticut, New Jersey and New York residents by offering business and legal services to the more than 1,600 nonprofit organizations that benefit them. The Partnership supports organizations that provide food and housing to the homeless, promote the arts, protect the environment and provide essential programs to children, the elderly, immigrants, the disabled and the unemployed.





# Community

**Esperanza Community Services:** Esperanza Community Services provides developmentally disabled individuals with services to help them live independently. These include therapeutic and educational programs to improve family support, behavior and learning. All programs are bilingual and include transportation. During the 2010-2011 school year, 80 percent of students met their developmental goals, and 100 percent of students receiving speech therapy increased their communication ability.

**Futures and Options:** Futures and Options connects high school juniors and seniors with internships to provide them with life skills and hands-on experience. Since 1995, Futures and Options has served more than 2,100 New York City teens and coordinated internship placements at more than 350 private and nonprofit businesses. In addition to providing financial support, Kirkland participates in the program and has hosted a number of interns.

**Inspiration Corporation:** Inspiration Corporation was founded in 1989 to provide homeless and poverty-stricken individuals with tools to improve their lives and increase their self-sufficiency through social services, employment training and placement, and housing. In particular, Inspiration Corporation provides more than 150 units of scattered-site, permanent supportive housing and runs a food service training program. The organization serves more than 3,000 people each year.

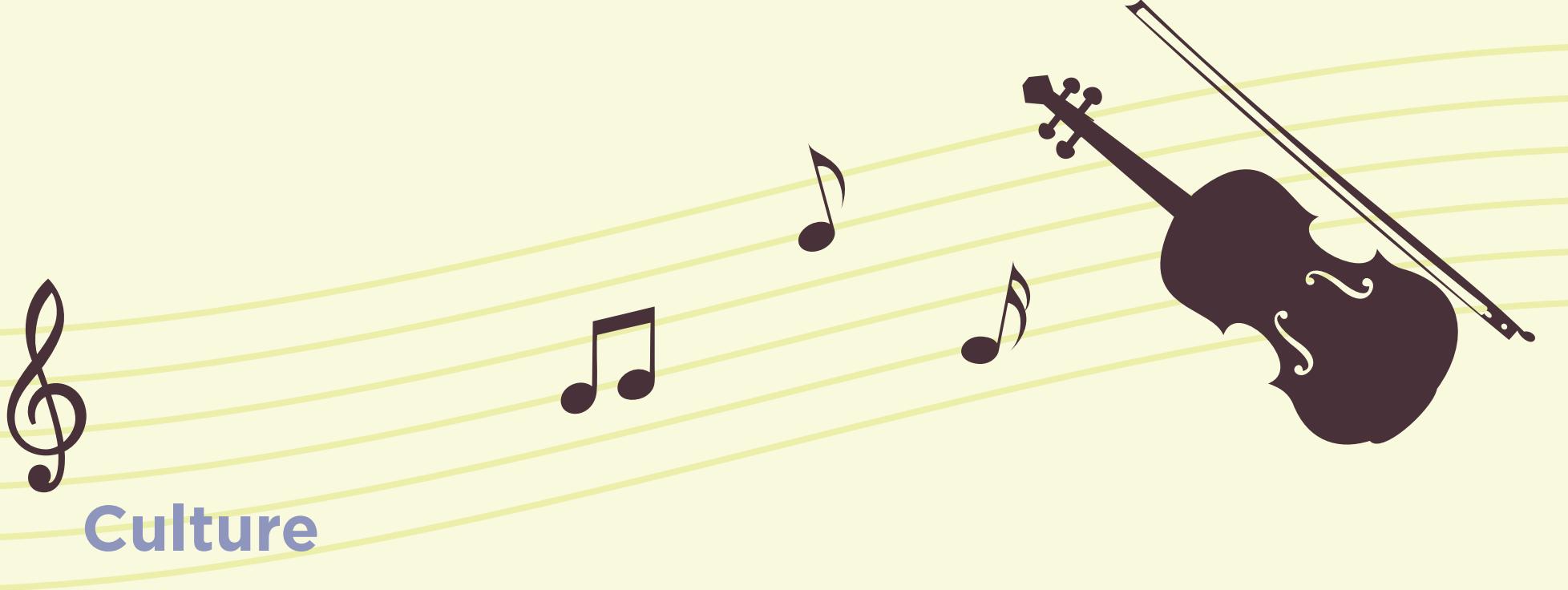
**Los Angeles Regional Foodbank:** The Los Angeles Regional Foodbank has served the needy people of its community since 1973. The Foodbank provides food for more than one million members at local homes for abused and abandoned children, battered women's shelters, senior centers, food pantries, soup kitchens and AIDS hospices. Kirkland's Los Angeles office donated food, money and volunteer hours for the Foodbank's third annual fundraiser. The Foodbank awarded Kirkland its Silver Partner Award for the Firm's contributions.



Kirkland's Restructuring Practice Group Coordinator (left) works with one of the Firm's 2011 Futures and Options interns (right).

**Paralyzed Veterans of America:** For more than 65 years, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) has provided medical assistance, legal support and other resources to veterans with spinal cord injuries. PVA also works toward treatment and cures for spinal cord disease by supporting research and educational programs. Nearly 20,000 veterans across the United States and Puerto Rico are members of the program.

**Sing for Hope:** Sing for Hope brings the arts to schools, hospitals and community events across New York City with the help of more than 700 professional artists. Volunteers teach art classes after school, bring live performances to patients in health care facilities and perform outdoor concerts. Exemplary of their efforts, after a two-week concert series in the summer of 2011, nearly 90 pianos were donated to nearby schools and hospitals.



## Culture

**Alliance for Young Artists & Writers:** Alliance for Young Artists & Writers offers teenagers with exceptional artistic and literary talent the opportunity to feature their work nationally and compete in the Scholastic Awards. Begun in 1923, these awards are the largest source of scholarships for young writers and artists in the United States.

**Brooklyn Academy of Music:** Founded in 1861, Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) is the oldest performing arts center in America. Each year, more than 550,000 people enjoy BAM's wide array of cultural programs, including up to 220 stage performances annually. Kirkland is proud to financially support BAM's innovative artistic, education and community programs.

**Destiny Arts Center:** Destiny Arts Center aims to end isolation, prejudice and violence in the lives of young people. The center offers after school programs to low-income youth around the Oakland area. Each year 3,500 children take part in programs that promote emotional and creative growth.

**Glimmerglass Festival:** Glimmerglass Festival is a summer opera company that presents four performances each year. Since 1975, the festival has provided entertainment for opera lovers and training for artists. The Young American Artists Program was established in 1988, bringing singers in the first stages of their professional careers to study and perform at Glimmerglass throughout the summer.

**Renaissance Society:** The Renaissance Society is a contemporary art museum that is free and open to the public. It was founded in 1915 as a way to encourage the growth and understanding of contemporary art and presents up to five exhibitions each year, featuring artists from all over the world. It is one of the nation's oldest museums devoted to contemporary art, and it presents art seldom seen in the Midwest.

**San Francisco Conservatory of Music:** The San Francisco Conservatory of Music offers music education programs, community involvement and performances in the Bay Area. The school, which is the only one of its kind on the West Coast, has an enrollment of nearly 400 students. With the financial support of donors like Kirkland, the Conservatory is able to maintain its educational and artistic mission.

# International



**Advocates for International Development:** With more than 300,000 legal professionals around the world, Advocates for International Development (A4ID) works with global organizations to provide legal services free of charge. A4ID has aided in disaster relief, health care in third world countries and protection of community rights. With the financial support from organizations such as Kirkland, A4ID is able to strengthen its work and widen its reach.

**British Red Cross:** Since 1870, the British Red Cross has assisted people in crisis in the United Kingdom and the 14 British Overseas Territories. In addition to providing emergency support, the British Red Cross also offers training and education services to more than 12,000 volunteers annually, who then join the 31,000 volunteers and 2,600 staff providing relief efforts around the globe.

## Disasters Emergency Committee - East Africa Crisis Appeal:

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) brings together leading United Kingdom aid agencies to provide financial assistance for people suffering from disasters in underprivileged countries. In particular, the DEC raises funds for the U.K.'s 14 leading aid agencies by organizing appeals for public funding. With generous donations from supporters like Kirkland, DEC has raised more than £75 million for the East Africa Appeal and helped more than 1.3 million people.

**Help for Heroes:** Help for Heroes supports men and women wounded while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since 9/11, H4H has raised more than £100 million for a variety of rehabilitation programs, training and other health services. Each year H4H hosts races, challenges and bike rides as fundraisers for these programs. Every pound donated to the organization goes directly to helping wounded veterans.

**KIDS:** Since 1970, KIDS has provided learning programs for disabled youth in the United Kingdom, as well as support and training programs for their families. In its 40 years, KIDS has pioneered a number of programs for disabled youth, including home learning and playgrounds. Because of donors such as Kirkland, fundraisers and special events, KIDS is able to continually work towards its mission of creating an inclusive world for disabled children and their families.

**Martin House Hospice:** Martin House provides care for children with life-threatening and life-limiting illnesses. Resources include playrooms, landscaped gardens, and day-to-day care in the form of symptom control, respite care or terminal care. In 2011, Martin House supported a total of 418 children, young people and their families. Kirkland is proud to be one of many donors who, combined, provide Martin House with £4 million per year in financial support.



# Green

**Brooklyn Botanical Garden:** The Brooklyn Botanical Garden occupies 52 acres in the heart of Brooklyn and hosts more than 700,000 visitors each year. Deeply committed to education, community outreach and scientific research, the Brooklyn Botanical Garden is a trusted source of information about horticulture, botany and the importance of conserving plants and protecting the environment.

**Friends of the Parks:** Friends of the Parks (FOTP) works to preserve, protect and improve Chicago's parks and forest preserves. From litter removal and recycling, to tree and garden planting, FOTP fosters community pride in one of Chicago's greatest resources. In addition to financial support, Kirkland partnered with FOTP in its Earth Day Parks and Preserves Clean-Up in April 2011. Kirkland employees, family and friends collected trash and spread tree mulch in a large park on Chicago's west side.

**National Audubon Society:** The National Audubon Society is committed to conserving and restoring natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats. Through grassroots conservation efforts, education and fundraising, the Society's successes include protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, recovery of the California condor and continuing restoration of the Everglades.

**Nature Conservancy:** The Nature Conservancy works to preserve ecologically important lands and water around the world. It employs more than 700 scientists to pursue conservation initiatives in a non-confrontational manner, and to partner with worldwide communities and governments in a unified mission to protect the world's biodiversity. Kirkland is proud to provide financial support to this organization to protect the planet's natural wonders.



Kirkland volunteers learn how to mulch trees with Friends of the Parks.

**Ocean Conservancy:** Founded in 1972, the Ocean Conservancy is dedicated to promoting healthy and diverse ocean ecosystems, and to opposing practices that threaten oceanic and human life. Initiatives include combating marine debris, sustainable fish farming and preservation of protected marine areas. Monetary donations to the Ocean Conservancy are used to further efforts to advocate policies for oceanic protection.

**Wilderness Society:** The Wilderness Society has permanently protected nearly 110 million acres in 44 states since its founding in 1935. Their staff includes professionals in natural resource science, policy, economics and outreach, all collaborating to protect America's natural spaces. The Society boasts more than 500,000 active members and supporters across the United States.



# Health Care

**Alzheimer's Association:** The Alzheimer's Association seeks to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through research advancement, enhancement of care for afflicted individuals and promotion of brain health. Donations from financial supporters like Kirkland allow the Association to operate the nation's largest library dedicated to Alzheimer's disease and hold forums for health care professionals. Kirkland's Chicago office raised additional funds for the Association by allowing employees to wear jeans on a Friday in November 2011 for a \$5 donation.

**Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy:** Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) is dedicated to curing epilepsy by raising funds for research and increasing awareness of the disorder's prevalence. Since its founding nearly 15 years ago by parents of children with epilepsy, CURE has raised more than \$18 million to research a cure for this disorder, which affects millions of Americans.

**Food Allergy Initiative Chicago:** Food Allergy Initiative Chicago (FAI Chicago) is the first established regional office of FAI's nationally reaching program. The organization's focus is to raise money to cure food allergies and to support programs that raise the visibility of food allergies. Such allergies affect one in every 13 children in America, and FAI uses financial support from donors like Kirkland to improve the lives of individuals living with these allergies.

**Lupus Foundation of America:** The Lupus Foundation of America (LFA) is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary health organization committed to aiding those with lupus, an autoimmune disease that affects more than five million people around the globe. The LFA joins researchers, clinicians, elected officials, policy makers and people affected by lupus in a united search for a cure.

**Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation:** The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) pursues innovative means to accelerate the development of myeloma treatments to extend patient lives and discover a cure. Multiple myeloma is the second most common blood cancer, and MMRF is the leading private funder of multiple myeloma research, having raised millions of dollars to fund more than 120 laboratories worldwide.

**Swim Across America:** Swim Across America raises money and awareness for cancer research and prevention by holding dozens of swimming events across the country each year. These events range from swims under the Golden Gate Bridge to swims in Boston Harbor. Financial support from donors like Kirkland has helped Swim Across America raise more than \$30 million for cancer research, treatment and prevention.

# Youth

**Arts Connection:** Arts Connection joins artists with New York City public school children, families and schools to make sure the arts remain an essential part of education. The organization uses in-school and after-school programs, student work exhibitions, professional development for classroom teachers and many other initiatives to ensure that thousands of school children receive valuable exposure to the arts each year.

**Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation:** The Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation provides college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in combat or training. Founded in 1989, the Foundation honors the lives of America's fallen soldiers by contributing to a successful future for their children. Every dollar donated to the Foundation goes toward aiding these children, who go on to attend colleges across the country.

**LINK Unlimited:** Founded in 1966, LINK Unlimited has transitioned thousands of economically disadvantaged African American youth through high school and beyond, and it is Chicago's oldest mentoring a college preparatory organization. LINK's college-readiness program includes individualized counseling, college campus visits and ACT preparation. 100 percent of LINK's Class of 2011 students were accepted to a four-year college.

**Ronald McDonald House Charities:** Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) employs grassroots programs to directly improve the health and well-being of children in 52 countries. RMHC operates Ronald McDonald Houses and Family Rooms, which act as homes away from home so families can remain near their hospitalized child. RMHC also operates Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles, which provide affordable health care to children through mobile clinics.

**South Asian Youth Action:** South Asian Youth Action (SAYA!) is the nation's only secular youth development organization dedicated to South Asian youth. Since 1996, SAYA! has brought after-school programs to nearly 7,000 youth across New York City. SAYA! works with school administrators, government agencies, researchers and the media to foster support for and encourage culturally sensitive services for South Asian youth.

**Young Women's Leadership Network:** Young Women's Leadership Network (YWLN) partners with school districts, parents and community leaders to advocate for all-girls public schools and college access programs across the country. YWLN believes single-gender schools offer students the opportunity to learn in an environment free from cultural and gender stereotypes, as well as many of the pressures and distractions of a co-educational school. YWLN currently includes all-girls public schools in New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Texas and Baltimore that emphasize high expectations and college preparation.





# Education

**Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education:** Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education (CAPE) believes that high quality arts education is essential to increasing success among students in Chicago Public Schools. CAPE offers an integrated arts education program designed to encourage the professional development of teaching artists in the visual arts, dance, music and theater.

**Foundation for Reed Schools:** Established in 1979, the Foundation for Reed Schools works to bridge the gap between California state school funding and funding for the arts, music, technology, foreign language and physical education programs. The Foundation employs financial support from individual and corporate donors to continue funding for these programs in light of state budget cuts.

**Genesys Works:** Genesys Works partners with low-income Chicago high schools to select ambitious youth with a passion for technology. In addition to a gift from the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation, these students receive technical training and are placed in paid work-study internships during their senior year. In the fall of 2010, Kirkland's Technology Support Services department collaborated with Genesys Works to create five internship positions for deserving local public school students. Kirkland's IT department offered these eager students invaluable work experience.

**Jumpstart:** Jumpstart is a national early education organization that helps children from low-income neighborhoods develop the language and literacy skills needed to be successful in school. In its nearly 20 year existence, Jumpstart has trained nearly 25,000 college students and volunteers to deliver its program to preschool children across the country.

**Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship:** Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) provides entrepreneurship education programs to youth in low-income communities. These programs help students recognize opportunity and plan for successful futures by pursuing educational opportunities and starting their own businesses. Since its founding in 1987, NFTE has reached more than 350,000 young people, and currently has programs in 18 states and nine other countries.

**Student Sponsor Partners:** Based in New York City, Student Sponsor Partners (SSP) provides the City's at-risk high school youth with the opportunity to receive private education. SSP students are selected according to their financial, academic and social need. Sponsors provide financial support and academic counseling to the students, and SSP Partner Schools across New York City provide a nurturing educational environment.



# Diversity

**Avon Foundation:** The Avon Foundation, founded in 1955, is the largest corporate philanthropy in the world dedicated to women's causes. The Foundation focuses on domestic violence and breast cancer, as well as emergency and disaster relief. Through 2011, Avon global philanthropy has raised and donated more than \$860 million worldwide to improve the lives of women and their families around the world.

**Black Allied Law Students Association:** The Black Allied Law Students Association (BALSA) was established more than 40 years ago to promote the advancement of black law students. The organization provides mentoring services, study advice, interview and resume workshops to law students across the country, with the intent of providing resources to minority students who might otherwise remain marginalized.

**Cruz Reynoso Social Justice Fellowships:** The Cruz Reynoso Social Justice Fellowship supports Latina/o law students interested in practicing in the public sector. Sponsored by La Raza Law Students Association, alumni and law firms like Kirkland, these fellowships fund law students who may not otherwise afford the opportunity to work as judicial externs or in social justice in the summers between law school.

**Equality Illinois:** Equality Illinois is committed to securing, protecting and defending equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people throughout Illinois. Founded in 1991, the organization promotes legislation covering numerous areas of concern to the LGBT community, including employment, relationship recognition, family matters, anti-violence, transgender issues and safe schools.

**Equip for Equality:** Equip for Equality focuses on advancing the civil rights of children and adults with physical and mental disabilities. They provide information and resources that empower disabled individuals to fight for community integration and fair treatment under laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. Kirkland is proud to support Equip for Equality in its mission by providing financial support in addition to legal services.

**Lambda Legal:** Lambda Legal is a national organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those living with HIV. This organization pursues high-impact litigation at all court levels to expose inequalities, while hoping to prevent these same injustices through education and advocacy. Lambda Legal uses Kirkland's donations to support a nationwide network of volunteer attorneys who have joined in the fight against discrimination based on sexual orientation.