



The Butzel Long Charitable Trust's 2023 Year in Review

In its 169th year, Butzel continues to partner with those in all of our communities who need the most help or with those who can most help us give back. Below are only some of the ways that the Butzel Long Charitable Trust has attempted to do its part in helping our communities in the past year. 2024 is our Firm's 170th Anniversary and we plan to make charitable giving the cornerstone of our anniversary year. If you would like to work with us in this endeavor as we continue to give back, please contact us [here](#).

Annual Backpack Giveaway

- For the sixth year in a row, Butzel surprised an entire elementary school with backpacks to give away to every child in the school.
- The backpacks were filled with supplies that children need to succeed in school.
- Studies show that when school children have the supplies that they need for a school year, they are more likely to succeed in school.
- This gift also eases the stress on those families who may not be able to afford all of the school supplies



This year, Butzel gave away nearly 400 backpacks to students at William C. Abney Academy in Grand Rapids.

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their children need.

- This year we partnered with a school in Grand Rapids, the city where Butzel opened its fifth Michigan office in January of 2023. Butzel was proud and honored to work with our new community to do good.



Spreading Literacy with Beyond Basics

- The Butzel Long Charitable Trust is proud to yet again work with Beyond Basics and to support its motto that "Literacy is for Everyone."
- Beyond Basics works to eradicate illiteracy by filling in the "literacy gap."
- Beyond Basics' immersive program helps students achieve grade-level proficiency in reading in an average of six weeks.
- Butzel is happy to be a sponsor of Beyond Basics.

Jewish Community Center

- Butzel was proud to sponsor the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's fundraising event.
- The event was a comedy night to raise money for new children's outdoor play equipment for their early childhood center and camp.
- Butzel was also proud to sponsor their Annual Golf Outing which raises scholarship monies for children/families of need attending the early childhood center programs.



Wayne County Jail Outreach Ministry

- The Wayne County Jail Outreach Ministry exists to serve individuals affected by crime, offenders, and their families.
- The Outreach provides education, job assistance, training, and healthcare to those affected by crime, with the hope to limit repeat offenses.
- Butzel is not only a contributor to this

organization, but also has attorneys who give their time to volunteer with the organization.



Miracle League

- The Butzel Long Charitable Trust is a proud sponsor of the Miracle League.
- The Miracle League removes barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off of a baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's favorite pastime.
- Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assistive devices while helping to prevent injuries.
- Miracle League provides an atmosphere, opportunity, and community for those with disabilities to make new friends, build self-esteem, and to experience the thrill of getting a big hit or scoring a big run.
- Butzel is proud to sponsor this great cause for these great kids.



UDM Special Needs Basketball Camp

- Every year the University of Detroit Mercy Titans host a basketball camp for players with special needs.

Sophia's Rainbow

- Sophia's Rainbow is an organization created by an amazing young woman who was hospitalized at the age of 4.

- Learning from her experience—and with the help and support of her parents— this young lady then started her own non-profit organization dedicated to giving back to boys and girls who are hospitalized by delivering toys, books, and other gifts to children who find themselves spending long periods of time in the hospital.
- Butzel is proud of Sophia and happy to help her with her amazing and selfless giving.



Sophia's Rainbow



Lighthouse of Michigan

- As a long time and reoccurring sponsor of Lighthouse of Michigan, Butzel partnered with Lighthouse and other law firms in the Metro-Detroit area to raise food for hungry families.
- In total, the firms who participated collected food and funds to help feed more than 2,300 families in need this Thanksgiving.
- This participation was only one of many ways that Butzel helped feed the hungry in 2023.

Birth Detroit

- Birth Detroit is a Black-led nonprofit dedicated to providing safe, quality, loving, midwifery-led perinatal care to the people of Detroit.
- Birth Detroit offers community-based prenatal and postpartum care and childbirth education classes to women regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.
- Butzel was very happy to work with Birth Detroit and sponsor it as it continues to help every citizen of Detroit experience safety during their pregnancy.



Rosa Parks Scholarship Foundation

- The Rosa L. Parks Scholarship Foundation is dedicated to awarding scholarships to Michigan high school seniors who hold close to Mrs. Parks' ideals while demonstrating academic skills, community involvement, and economic need.
- Butzel is an annual contributor to this



great scholarship that helps many young students become the first in their family to attend college.

- Butzel has also given to and sponsored several other scholarships over the years.

Focus Hope Adopt-a-Family Christmas

- As it does every year, Butzel has pulled together to adopt a family for Christmas.
- Through the generosity of our employees, assisted by our Charitable Trust, Butzel adopts families each Christmas and purchases gifts for those in need.
- Butzel is happy to give back and to help make this Christmas a little more special for those in need.



And Much, Much More

- Butzel is very proud to have partnered with, sponsored, or assisted more organizations than could be listed in this newsletter.
- Among those are Patriot Week Foundation, Love One Another, Judson Center, Racquet Up Detroit, and more.
- Butzel will continue to seek out those organizations doing the greatest good for the most people.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

Above are only some of the ways that the Butzel Long Charitable Trust has given back to our community this year. Our Trust is only able to do all that it does based on the generosity of its donors (most of whom are our own attorneys and employees, along with a matching program from the firm itself) as well as the network of organizations that we are able to work with.

If you would like to get involved, give back, round out your year-end charitable giving, or give us some great ideas of how we can help change our community, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to drop us a line [here](#). Together, we can continue to give back to our city and our region.

Our motto is that if you change one life, you have changed the world. Let's change the world together.

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