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## The Butzel Long Charitable Trust's 2021 Year in Review

In its 167th year, Butzel continues to partner with those in 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. If you would like to work with us in 2022 as we continue to give back, please contact us [here](#).

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## Annual Backpack Giveaway

- For the fourth year in a row, Butzel surprised an entire Detroit 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 their children need.



This year, Butzel gave away nearly 500 backpacks to MacDowell Preparatory Academy on Outer Drive in Detroit.

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## Oxford Strong

- In the wake of the horrific events that unfolded recently at Oxford High School, Butzel contributed to the Oxford Community Memorial and Victims Fund.
- The fund was established to accept donations for victims and families and will provide assistance to support the families of those who are dealing with the death or injury of a loved one.
- The fund has accumulated over \$1.14 million in contributions so far.

[Learn more here.](#)

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Together along with Make-A-Wish, Butzel was able to help Geneva receive her wish of her very own camper to enjoy the great outdoors.

## Make-A-Wish

- Butzel was very proud earlier this year to partner with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to make a wish come true for a young girl.
- Butzel was able to fulfill a wish for Geneva, an 11 year old from Canton, MI diagnosed with vascular disorder.
- Geneva loves animals, Star Wars, and dancing. But most of all, she loves camping.

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## Food, Coats, Socks, and More for those in Need

- As with every year, Butzel again sponsored numerous food kitchens, food pantries, and shelters to help feed the hungry.
- Butzel also donated a dozen brand new winter coats to "Coats for the Cold" and dozens of pairs of new socks to help give clothing to those in need.
- Butzel also supported veterans who have returned home from active duty only to find themselves homeless, without work, or otherwise needing assistance.

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## 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.

[Learn more here.](#)

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## **Butzel and the Detroit Zoo Partner for a Good Cause**

- In September, Butzel sponsored a “Nocturnal Adventure” with the Detroit Zoo.
- The evening is catered to those dealing with significant hardships and temporarily living in shelters.
- Butzel sponsored for those in a nearby shelter to be transported to the Zoo, to be provided dinner, and to attend a guided private tour of the zoo after hours.
- The event was capped off with an educational program and craft.

[See more here.](#)

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## **Butzel and the State Bar of Michigan Appellate Section Team Up**

- In early Summer, Butzel teamed up with the State Bar of Michigan Appellate Section to contribute meals to the Lansing area “Meals on Wheels” program.
- This partnership provided food assistance for seniors and adults with disabilities in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties.
- With an office in Lansing, Butzel is pleased to give back to all of the communities in which we have offices.

[See more here.](#)

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## **The Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan**

- Butzel happily sponsored the Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan this year.
  - The Guild was created over two decades ago to respond to the changing needs of individuals with Down Syndrome and their families.
  - The Guild is composed of over 250 individuals with Down Syndrome of all ages.
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## **Detroit Promise**

- Detroit Promise is a scholarship that ensures all eligible Detroit residents have a tuition-free path to a college degree.
- Every student who registers and meets the academic requirements will receive funding.
- The goal is to give every eligible student an opportunity for a postsecondary degree, regardless of their financial situation.
- The Butzel Long Charitable Trust has committed to assisting this endeavor to help every Detroit high school student advance their education.



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### Butzel Sponsors College Scholarships

- Butzel was very proud to continue its long-standing sponsorship of the Rosa Parks Scholars college scholarship.
- The scholarship grants high school seniors a one-time \$2,000 award in the name of the late civil rights leader and Detroit resident.
- Butzel has also sponsored other scholarships in the past, partnering with local Bar Associations to help send Detroit high schoolers to college.
- Butzel will continue to invest in our future by investing in our future leaders.



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### 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 assertive 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.

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## 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 Long is happy to give back and to help make this Christmas a little more special for those in need.



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## 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 The Pope Francis Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Midnight Golf, the St. Vincent dePaul Society, Gleaners Community Food Bank, Detroit Public Television, and more.

- Butzel will continue to seek out those organizations doing the greatest good for the most people.

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## 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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