



The Butzel Long Charitable Trust's 2020 Mid-Year Review

Due to the Coronavirus, 2020 has been full of unprecedented events. We have faced a global pandemic and an economic disruption that has tested our City, our region, and our country. It is at times like this that those who were already hurting feel their pain even more, and those who never thought they would be in need of help are finding themselves in that very situation. The Butzel Long Charitable Trust recognized this reality and has tried to step in to do what it can.

Butzel Long has deep roots in Detroit and Southeast Michigan. Founded in 1854 and one of the oldest businesses in Detroit in existence today, Butzel Long has been at the center of the region's activity for 165 years. The City of Detroit and this region have given so much to this firm that the firm strives to give back as well. This has never been more true than during these trying times. Below are just some ways we have given back.

St. Vincent de Paul Detroit

- Butzel Long has been a longtime supporter of St. Vincent de Paul. This year, we had budgeted to again sponsor several scholarships for students to attend SVdP's summer camps.
- When the health and economic crisis hit this spring, however, we pulled those funds forward and donated them to St. Vincent de Paul's general fund, asking them to do the most good for the most people.
- These funds assisted SVdP in stocking its food pantries, assisting those in needs, and continuing its good works around the City.



Butzel Donates over 15,000 Meals

- Through a contribution to Gleaners, Butzel Long sponsored over 15,000 meals to be given away to those most in need.
- Gleaners, headquartered in Detroit, distributes more than 45 million pounds of food to members of the community in need. Every dollar donated provides three meals. Butzel Long was able to provide over 15,000 meals
- Butzel is also working with Gleaners to plan and prepare for a "Day of Giving," in which Butzel's attorneys and staff volunteer to staff a food pantry for a day.



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Lighthouse of Southeast Michigan



- In an attempt to continue to assist those impacted most by the Covid-19 crisis, Butzel Long also partnered with Lighthouse of Southeast Michigan.
- Lighthouse operates shelters for the homeless, runs food pantries for the hungry, offers housing assistance programs, gives away backpack supplies for school children, and much more.
- Given the current state of affairs, Butzel Long contributed to Lighthouse's Covid-19 Emergency Food and Shelter Fund.
- Through this fund, Lighthouse is able to work with other organizations to provide emergency food distribution, emergency shelter, and other efforts to ensure that no person goes hungry or without a roof over their head during this community crisis.

Salvation Army

- Consistent with Butzel Long's efforts to do the most good for the most people in as short of a period of time as possible, the Butzel Long Charitable Trust also partnered with the Salvation Army to feed our City's hungry.
- With the Salvation Army's assistance, and funded by the Charitable Trust, Butzel Long was able to provide enough food for 29 families of four for an entire week.
- Rather than one meal, Butzel Long assisted dozens of families to feel secure in knowing where each meal would be coming from for at least one week.
- The Salvation Army offers many other programs, from after-school programs, summer camps, life-skills training, and more. Butzel Long looks forward to continue to work with the Salvation Army on such great projects.



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Pope Francis Warming Center

- The Trust has been a frequent sponsor of the Pope Francis Center's Annual Gala.
- Due to the recent crisis, the center has had to cancel its 2020 Gala.
- Butzel Long still wished to give to the Center anyhow, knowing how important its work is.
- The trust sent \$2,500 to the center to assist it in its efforts to offer a warming center, daily meals, social services, and more, all in downtown Detroit.
- In addition to its monetary support, Butzel Long also participates in a Legal Services Clinic, offering free advice to those who need it.



Butzel Long Sponsors College Scholarships

- Butzel Long 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 Long 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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And more, with much more to come!

- The Butzel Long Charitable Trust continues to seek other ways to give back to our community. Due to the extraordinary events of this year, many of the programs, events, and plans we had intended to fund or assist with have been canceled or indefinitely postponed. We continue to seek ways to help those in need and give back to our community.
- So far in 2020 we have also provided contributions to the following organizations:
 - Beyond Basics
 - Love One Another
 - Wolverine Bar Foundation
 - Make-A-Wish
 - Mental Illness Research Association
 - Cornerstone Education Group
 - Michigan Humane Society
 - United Cerebral Palsy Metro Detroit
 - Living Water Ministries
 - And more
- And below are just a few of the things we plan to participate in throughout the remainder of 2020:
 - Backpack giveaway to students starting school in the fall
 - Fund and assist with literacy programs
 - Adopt-a-Family for Christmas
 - Support and fund our arts, particularly bringing the Arts to those who do not otherwise receive it
 - Assisting organizations that provide housing for victimized and abused women
 - Sponsoring international relief funds for those impacted by natural disaster
 - Continuing to support our community, our houses of worship, our cultural centers, and all who seek to do good for our city and region

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

The Butzel Long Charitable 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.

Do you have a great idea of how the Butzel Long Charitable Trust can give back to the city? Know of an organization that we should be aware of? Is your company or organization (or you yourself) looking for a way to round out your charitable giving as the 2020 calendar year comes to a close?

If so, 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. It is the right thing to do!

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