



## The Butzel Long Charitable Trust's Mid-Year Review and Update

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.

For this reason, the Butzel Long Charitable Trust was formed with the mission of helping our city and our region by contributing and donating to charitable, religious, scientific, literary, and educational purposes. The Trust is the firm's philanthropic and charitable arm believes that if we are able to change one life, we have changed the world.

The Butzel Long Charitable Trust has been hard at work the first half of 2019. Below are just a few ways that the Butzel Long Charitable Trust has given back so far in 2019, as well as some exciting things to come. We are also always looking for great new ideas, great organizations to partner with, and donations to assist us in our work. If you'd like to get involved or help us with our mission, [we'd love to hear from you.](#)

## University of Detroit Mercy Special Needs Basketball Camp

- The Trust sponsored the annual University of Detroit Mercy Special Needs Basketball Camp that teaches basketball skills to special needs children, many with Downs syndrome or other physical or mental disabilities
- Butzel Long purchased trophies for each and every student athlete



## Butzel Long College Scholarship

- The Trust sponsored a \$1,500 college scholarship, given to a DPS graduate from Cristo Rey High School and attending Georgetown University this fall
- Butzel Long's tuition assistance will assist her in reaching her dream of one day becoming a lawyer herself



## Wayne County Family Court Easter Basket Toy Drive

- We were excited to partner with the Wayne County Circuit Court Judges to support their Easter Basket Toy Drive Fundraiser, making sure foster children across Detroit enjoyed a happy Easter



## St. Vincent de Paul "Camperships"

- Butzel long is partnering with St. Vincent de Paul of Detroit in 2019 to sponsor several Detroit children to attend Camp Ozanam, a camp on the shore of Lake Huron. Camp Ozanam is a wilderness adventure where kids can participate in activities such as camping, swimming, fishing, arts & crafts, and sports, while leaning leadership skills, survival skills, and making lasting friendships and memories along the way



## Munger Elementary Attendance Competition

- Studies indicate that a student's likelihood of success is directly impacted by their attendance at school. So Butzel Long partnered with Munger Elementary on the

west side of Detroit to sponsor a perfect attendance competition

- Butzel Long supplied all of the awards and incentives to be given out to students with perfect attendance
- During the first half of the year, 175 students had perfect attendance and were never late for school. Those students all received an award donated by the Butzel Long Charitable Trust

## Pope Francis Warming Center

- The Trust was a sponsor of the Pope Francis Center Annual Gala
- The Center provides services to the city's homeless from its location in the heart of Downtown Detroit, offering a warming center, daily meals, social services, and more
- 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 Supports the Arts

- Butzel Long is proud to continue to sponsor the arts and cultural centers in Detroit
- The Trust partnered with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, sponsoring several of the "Neighborhood Series" concerts, bringing the music of the DSO across the Metro region
- We were proud to sponsor the Detroit Institute of Arts and its special events
- We were also honored to work with the Detroit Opera Theater and to support its young professionals initiative.
- Butzel Long is currently partnering with the DSO and Interlochen Center for the Arts to help bring together the DSO and the World Youth Symphony Orchestra and to help the DSO conduct masterclasses for young musicians



## And more!

- The Butzel Long Charitable Trust is also honored to have worked with, sponsored, or assisted the following organizations so far in 2019:
  - The Art Experience
  - Walker Literacy Center
  - Midnight Golf Program
  - St. Christine Services
  - The Grosse Ile Rowing Club
  - The Holocaust Memorial Center

## AND MUCH, MUCH MORE TO COME IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2019

Butzel Long is only getting started with its charitable donations, partnerships, volunteering, and general involvement with the city and region that we have called home for 165 years. In the coming months, we will be partaking in some of the following events:

- Butzel Long is committed to sponsoring a wish for a child through the Make-A-Wish Program. For a preview, [click here](#).
- For back-to-school we will be giving away brand new backpacks filled with school supplies to an entire Detroit elementary school.
- Work with Brilliant Detroit to combat childhood literacy problems.
- And much, much more!

## 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) 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 new opportunities for your charitable giving in 2019?

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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