

Haynes and Boone's 2019 Angel Tree Gift Drive Gains Momentum

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A holiday tradition of donating gifts to children and elders in need through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program is growing stronger and stronger each year at Haynes Boone.

The firm collected more than 600 gifts during this year's holiday drive. The campaign focuses on fulfilling "wish list" items for people in need, including clothing, shoes and coats, as well as books and toys for kids. Volunteers choose cards with information about the recipients, or "angels," and then shop for those specific people.

Associate Nick Monier and Partner [Monika Sanford](#), who have helped with previous Angel Tree drives at the firm, led this year's campaign with the goal of collecting more gifts than ever before. Haynes Boone stepped up to the challenge, nearly doubling the number of donated gifts from last year.

"I love how excited our firm is from start to finish with this program," Monier said. "My colleagues ask me about it in the weeks leading up to kickoff and bounce gift ideas and thoughts off me throughout the process. You can really feel the holiday spirit and sense of ownership that our participants take when they choose an angel."

Sanford said the gift drive has a tangible and meaningful impact on individuals who would not otherwise be able to afford these items.

"We really enjoy helping make that happen," she said. "Our team loves knowing they are going to brighten up someone's holiday."

Sanford also said she is confident Haynes Boone will keep the momentum going in the years to come.

"This is a meaningful cause that we will continue to support," she said.

Library Assistant Lori Langenegger, who did much of the heavy lifting by collecting gifts and name tags and moving bags into a cramped conference room, said: "There are so many struggling families, so it's a pleasure to help in a small way."

Haynes Boone teamed with One Victory Place tenants PlainsCapital Bank and Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) on the project. On Dec. 6, the group joined Salvation Army North Texas Area Commander Major Jonathan Rich at a delivery event to load gifts onto trucks. The gifts were then taken to a warehouse for sorting. The Salvation Army will deliver the gifts to more than 50,000 recipients in a five-county area in time for Christmas.

"This is a great opportunity to gather and energize our employees for a wonderful cause," said Tom Pulley, president of PlainsCapital Bank Dallas Renaissance and Republic Center. "We love this event because we are giving specific gifts to children who have requested specific things that they need."