



Young Lawyers Section Christmas Project

Christmas is right around the corner! (or, Please Give US Money!!)

This year marks the sixteenth year the Young Lawyers Section has begged for donations from you, our valuable and generous bar association. In case you're new here, no, that money doesn't go to fund our annual bar crawl (a.k.a. Trolley Trek). It also doesn't help our recovering typographical error prone board members get through "Typing 101" (see the first "Race to the Courthouse" T-shirt, and pay special attention to the number of h's in the words).

No, every year the Young Lawyer board gathers at some local lunch establishment in early November to begin planning their largest philanthropic event of the year—the annual Christmas Party for the Salvation Army's Transitional Shelter. I promise you, nothing else the Young Lawyers do (no matter how infamous) will be as important as this event. The Shelter has historically provided emergency services to families in desperate housing situations, and has become a transitional shelter that allows families to stay there and gain stability before reentering the housing market. You can imagine what desperate circumstances these families have persevered through, and what a rough time the holidays can pose for someone living in transitional housing.

Every year the Young Lawyers Section throws a Christmas Party for the families living in the Shelter, complete with Santa, presents, cookie decorating, and family portraits (graciously donated by Linda and Mel Gregory). The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office even shows up with Deputy Dan, arms full of stuffed animals and books for each child. Each child provides their wish list, and the Young Lawyer Board does their best to accommodate it. Every child leaves with at least a couple toys and icing from ear to ear, and each parent leaves with a personal gift, some general toiletries, and a family picture.

This is where you come in, because we need YOU to help us make this event the memorable and charitable event it is! This bar association, the BEST bar association, has made a difference in the Salvation Army's Shelter and budget for over a decade, helping our community here in Wichita, and we sincerely thank you for your previous generosity. Please help make this year's Christmas Party a success by making a tax-deductible donation to support this event. Your contributions allow us to throw this party, purchase gifts for each child, and make a cash donation to the Shelter, meaning 100% of your donation stays here in Wichita. Your kindness and compassion has helped us donate record amounts each year, and we hope you'll keep this cause in your heart again this year.

The party is scheduled for December 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the Shelter itself (350 North Market). Everyone is invited to come make merry and decorate some cookies. We just ask that you dress casually if you wish to attend. After all, what if Joe Schremmer reprises his role as the jolliest reindeer and you miss out? Afterwards, we will head to a local watering hole to thank everyone for their time and enjoy some camaraderie.

Please make checks payable to the Wichita Bar Foundation so we can ensure your donation is tax-deductible. All donations can be sent to the WBA office at 225 N. Market Street, Suite 200, Wichita, Kansas, 67202, or feel free to harass one of the board members and we'll GLADLY come take your money.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

Christy Campbell, Young Lawyers President, and the rest of the Young Lawyer Section Board