

# LAWYERS GIVING BACK



**ANNUAL REPORT** of the **CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN BAR FOUNDATION**

**July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012**



**T**he Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (Bar Foundation or CMBF) is a leading law-related charity in Northeast Ohio. The Bar Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization with origins dating back more than 50 years. Serving as the charitable arm of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA or Association), the Bar Foundation represents the commitment of CMBA members to the Justice For All programs and the Greater Cleveland community. The Bar Foundation is a fundraising vehicle for CMBA members to collectively provide outstanding programs and initiatives that serve the Cleveland metropolitan community and promote pro bono legal assistance and public law-related education.

The Bar Foundation currently funds these innovative and wide-ranging programs:

- The 3Rs: Rights • Responsibilities • Realities
- 3Rs+
- Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program
- High School Mock Trial Competitions
- Louis Stokes Scholars Program
- Pro Se Divorce Clinic
- Reach Out: Legal Assistance for Nonprofits
- Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

The Bar Foundation also funds a speakers bureau that provides informative speakers from the Greater Cleveland legal community to address a variety of legal topics, as requested — at no cost — to community and civic groups, youth groups and the elderly. In partnership with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, the Bar Foundation also provides support for the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project, which assists individuals going through personal bankruptcy, and the Bankruptcy By-Pass Program, which offers pro bono legal support to individuals for whom filing bankruptcy is not an option.

The Bar Foundation thanks CMBA members and the entire legal community for donating their time, talents and expertise in service to the public this past fiscal year. It is an honor to be an organization through which volunteers and supporters serve along side others in the profession with a shared commitment to give back.



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## Presidents' Letters

I am pleased to report that the CMBF had its best year ever, continuing the momentum created in the prior fiscal year under the leadership of Frank DeSantis. Through close collaboration with Bar Association President Barbara Roman, and with the help of the Bar Association staff, and Bar Foundation trustees and committees, we raised more money than in any other year and supported more Bar Association programming than ever before. Of course, this means that we also touched the lives of more children, families, and individuals in need in our community. We also funded the launch of new Bar Association programming, such as 3Rs+ and the Louis Stokes Scholars program. Our donors and volunteers were very generous with their time, talent, and treasure.

Between the endowment income from our Fellows Program, and the various fundraising events sponsored by the Bar Foundation, we raised more than \$400,000 this past fiscal year. This success enabled us to fulfill our programming commitments for the fiscal year, take on a few additional unbudgeted programs and projects, and still end the fiscal year with a modest budget surplus.

So, many thanks for all the good works and efforts of those who made these successes possible. The work of the past few years have elevated the visibility of the Bar Foundation and will provide incentive for those who have contributed or volunteered to continue to do so. For those in our legal community who have not been so engaged, we hope that you think about joining hundreds of your colleagues who made a difference to thousands of people in our Greater Cleveland community.



**Raymond M. Malone**  
2011–12 CMBF President

Once again, the Foundation scored record highs in event fundraising and attendance. We can thank last year's president, Ray Malone, for outstanding vision and leadership of a great Board and volunteers. This year's team looks forward to continuing the tradition of excellence in event planning and fundraising.

2012 got off to a quick start in setting new fundraising records for the Franklin Polk Public Servants Merit Award Luncheon and for the Halloween Run for Justice. The Foundation continues to generate necessary fundraising through special events to support the ongoing award-winning Justice For All programs, including The 3Rs program. Efforts are already underway to make this coming year's Rock the Foundation event more fun-filled and exciting than ever before.

Furthering the sustainability of the Foundation is the major goal of this year's team. The Fellows Committee has increased its efforts to obtain new Fellow commitments. The initial success of the committee has secured the commitment of 100% of the non-community members of the Foundation Board to our Fellows program. This is a Foundation first. The goal is 100% commitment for both boards of the Association and Foundation. The committee has invited all existing Fellows to nominate new Fellow candidates. A campaign to again double the number of Foundation Fellows is presently underway. The Fellows Committee also continues to seek new Legacy Fellow commitments for estate planning gifts.

This year, the Board, through its Strategic Planning Committee, is preparing recommendations for increasing the endowment fund, which has recently passed the \$1 million mark. The continued building of that fund will lead to the real sustainability of our Foundation. We believe that an increase in the overall endowment fund will provide steady funding of our outstanding pro bono legal assistance and educational efforts. Together, we continue to make a difference in our community!



**Lynn A. Lazzaro**  
2012–13 CMBF President



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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Financials

Balance Sheet (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

### Revenues

Donations & Contributions	\$202,246
Event Fundraisers	\$234,936
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$437,182</b>

### Expenses

Program Services	\$160,290
Fundraising	\$75,380
Management & General	\$27,473
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$263,143</b>

## Balance Sheet

### Assets

Cash, Cash Equivalent & Investments	\$937,236
Prepaid Expenses & Receivables	\$336,717
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,273,953</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### Liabilities

Deferred Revenue	\$7,578
Accrued Expenses & Other Liabilities	\$34,988
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$42,566</b>

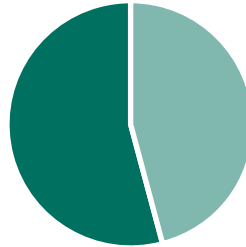
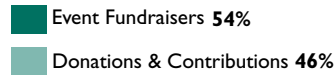
#### Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$154,573
Temporarily Restricted	\$113,964
Permanently Restricted	\$962,850
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,231,387</b>

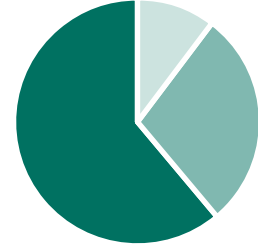
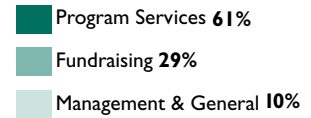
**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$1,273,953**

Note: More than 600 members contributed a total of \$17,950 through the annual billing statement donation.

## Revenues



## Expenses



**\$138,546**

PLEDGES OF 40 NEW FELLOWS

**\$56,116**

REVENUE FROM 2011 HALLOWEEN RUN

**\$153,439**

REVENUE FROM 2012 ROCK THE FOUNDATION

## Highlights

### Endowment Growth

The Fellows Campaign continued to succeed and we were pleased to welcome 40 new Fellows to the program, adding \$138,546 to the endowment fund. Earnings from this carefully managed fund allow the CMBF to continue to support ongoing programs as well as to provide funding support for new and expanded programming.

### Record Setting Special Event Fundraising

Through the generous support of event sponsors, auction donors and attendees, both the Halloween Run for Justice and Rock the Foundation VII set records for revenue and participation. The Halloween Run raised \$56,116 and Rock the Foundation raised \$153,439.

### Reserves

As further evidence of its strength and success in fundraising, the CMBF ended the year with unrestricted reserves in the amount of \$154,573.

938 VOLUNTEERS

23 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

4,475 PEOPLE SERVED



Lawyers Giving Back



The Bar Foundation is proud of the continued strength and growth of its many funded programs.

This year marks the launch of two new initiatives: 3Rs+ and the Louis Stokes Scholars program.



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

## Justice For All Committee

**Chair** Gregory P. Feldkamp  
**No. of committee members** 29

## The 3Rs: Rights • Responsibilities • Realities

**Chair** Carol A. Kile  
**No. of committee members** 29  
**No. of high schools reached** 17 (more than 2,400 students)  
**Vice Chair** David M. King  
**No. of volunteers** 500  
**Community partners** Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and Shaw High School in East Cleveland

The 3Rs program concluded its sixth year in 2011–12. The program goals are to help students learn more about the U.S. Constitution and to better prepare them for life after high school. Since The 3Rs program began in 2006, the social studies passage rate for tenth graders taking the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) has increased dramatically in the Cleveland schools. Before the program's inaugural year, OGT passage rates were 22.9%, among the lowest in the state. In spring of 2012, the passage rate was 51% — the highest increase in all subjects tested.

In the month prior to the first lesson, the CMBA held nine volunteer and teacher orientations at various locations and times, one of which included a free CLE presentation on equal protection which was attended by more than 45 3Rs volunteers. The program had teams in 17 schools, including the New Tech School at East Technical High School.

## 3Rs+

This year was also a pilot year for the CMBA's new 3Rs+ program, in partnership with the CMSD, Shaw High School, and the *Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland*. The 3Rs+ is designed to further the work of The 3Rs by connecting to students in the 11th and 12th grade who desire to learn more about careers in the law and work with mentors on post-high school education planning. In one pilot activity, a group of 30 Shaw students and their teachers went on a field trip to Columbus to tour the Ohio Supreme Court and its Education Center, and to visit the campus of Ohio State University.

## Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program (CHLAP)

**Chair** Melissa L. Zujkowski  
**No. of committee members** 7  
**No. of volunteers at 10 intake sites** 33  
**No. of volunteers beyond intake who take pro bono referrals** 12  
**No. of participants served** More than 250  
**Community partners** Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), Towards Employment, the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Cleveland, Dominion East Ohio, and The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

This partnership between the CMBA and NEOCH aims to serve those in the community in need of help, but least able to access legal assistance. Volunteer lawyers for CHLAP staff regularly scheduled sessions at many locations throughout Cleveland, including homeless shelters, to provide legal advice and assistance to homeless or at-risk individuals. Often, legal services resolving landlord/tenant disputes, driver's license suspensions, or child support adjustments can be critical to getting a homeless person off the streets or prevent at-risk individuals from becoming homeless in the first place.

CHLAP provides legal services that homeless and at-risk individuals need at locations where they are most likely able to receive the help. According to the Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services, nearly 8,300 people were served by both emergency and transitional shelters in Cuyahoga County in 2011.

In 2011–12, CHLAP expanded its efforts at its new clinic at the North Star Neighborhood Reentry Resource Center in partnership with Towards Employment. After a period of recruitment, CHLAP increased its total number of volunteers by more than 25% to match increasing demands for the program's services. In coordination with NEOCH and at Cuyahoga County's request, CHLAP conducted a survey of local shelters regarding the potential for implementing a third-party mediation system for addressing shelter occupants' disputes. CHLAP strengthened its partnership with the Catholic Lawyers Guild and Dominion East Ohio, matching volunteers from the two groups with the Cosgrove Center and North Star intake sites. In 2011–12, CHLAP continued publication of its newsletter on topics related to homelessness and reentry resources for an audience of more than 85 volunteers and supporters.



## Cleveland Mock Trial Competition

**Leader** Hon. Lauren C. Moore

**No. of committee members** 4

**No. of volunteers (legal advisors and judicial panelists)** 65

**No. of students** 280 students (14 teams from 10 Cleveland High Schools)

**Community partners** Cleveland Municipal Court, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and Cleveland Metropolitan School District

2012 marked the 16<sup>th</sup> year of the annual Cleveland Mock Trial Competition, which gives Cleveland high school students a chance to prepare their best legal arguments in an exciting day of competition with their peers. Coached by volunteer attorneys and law students, the teams take turns representing the prosecution and defense in a criminal appeal involving topics that give them the opportunity to learn firsthand about the law and our justice system.

This year's case presented students with the chance to explore the issue of criminal liability for a young Iraq War veteran accused of violating a protection order, and involved the Occupy Cleveland protests, foreclosure, and the newly-developed Veterans Court. As it has in past years, the Municipal Court awarded four paid summer internships to outstanding participants and writers.

The competition was held on April 27, 2012 at the Cleveland Municipal Court, where students presented their arguments in an actual courtroom with judges and other legal professionals, including CMBA volunteers, scoring their efforts. The CMBA partnered with the Municipal Court to host more than 280 students, representing 14 teams from 10 Cleveland high schools. Students also participated by submitting essays for the annual writing competition, in which students were invited to research and creatively present their point of view on various issues related to the merits of the case, the Occupation Movement, or the rise of Veterans Courts in the U.S., such as the newly-opened Veterans Court in Cleveland. The top teams in 2012 were: 1st place: Whitney Young; 2nd place: Cleveland School of the Arts Team 1; and 3rd place: Cleveland School of the Arts Team 2.

## “Lawyers Without Rights” Law Day Exhibit and Programs

**Co-chairs** Anne L. Meyers and Jayne Geneva

**CLE attendees** 200

**No. of Middle and High School students** 300

**Community partners** The German Federal Bar; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Jewish Federation of Cleveland

The CMBA used the weeks surrounding Law Day to remind the public of the role lawyers play in defending society from the loss of personal liberties when it brought “Lawyers Without Rights” to Cleveland in April 2012. The exhibit, produced by The German Federal Bar and hosted by Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, opened April 20 — the first time the exhibit was shown in Ohio. The exhibit was free to the public and was on display from April 20–May 31.

“Lawyers Without Rights” told a series of stories about the Nazi treatment of Jewish lawyers and judges in Germany in the period leading up to the Holocaust. The 22-panel display provided a historic commentary and present-day reminder of the dangers that exist when the law is unjustly applied.

The timing of the exhibit overlapped with the national celebration of Law Day on May 1, the theme for which in 2012 was “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom.”

In connection with the exhibit, the CMBA held a number of well-attended and well-received events, including a private reception and CLE programs on “The Rule of Law” and “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom: The Erosion of the Rule of Law in Today’s World.” More than 200 people attended both CLEs.

The programs featured prominent local and nationally-renowned speakers and moderators, including Michael J. Rendon, *Michael J. Rendon, LLC*; Michael M. Hethmon, *General Counsel, Immigration Reform Law Institute, Washington, D.C.*; Jessie Hill, Professor, *Case Western Reserve University School of Law*; Steven Dettelbach, *United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio*; Hon. Dan Aaron Polster, *U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio*; Curt Levey, *Committee for Justice, Washington, D.C.*; Bruce Hennes, *Hennes Paynter Communications*; Marsha Temus, *Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Iowa*; Deborah Coleman, *Chair, Judge4Yourself, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP*; Brent Larkin, *The Plain Dealer*; Peggy Foley Jones, *Giffen & Kaminski, LLC and former judge*; Justice Yvette McGee Brown, *Supreme Court of Ohio*; Prof. Michael Scharf, *Case Western Reserve University*; and Timothy J. Downing, *Ulmer & Berne LLP*.

## Louis Stokes Scholars Program

**Co-chairs** Anne Owings Ford and Ayesha Bell Hardaway

**No. of scholars** 18

**Community partners** Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Shaw High School – East Cleveland, College Now, Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) launched the Louis Stokes Scholars Program, a pipeline diversity and inclusion initiative through which minority college students engage in paid summer legal internships at Cleveland law firms, courts and legal nonprofits. Each student is paired with an attorney-mentor during their internship that is committed to providing a positive introduction to the profession of law and to serving as a resource for the summer internship and beyond. The tagline of the Louis Stokes Scholars Program is “Changing Lives, One Student at a Time.”

The program is competitive — 67 applications were received, with 44 students interviewed for 18 internships. Funds were raised, including a grant from the CMBF, to support the internships at the courts and legal nonprofit organizations. Participating law firms paid the stipends for the interns assigned to their offices. First-year participants hosting interns and providing mentors included: McDonald Hopkins LLC, Thompson Hine LLP, Tucker Ellis LLP, Squire Sanders (US) LLP, Ulmer & Berne LLP, Zukerman Daiker & Lear Co. LPA, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Court, Cleveland Municipal Court, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Guardian Ad Litem Program of the Juvenile Court, Cleveland Law Library and the CMBA.

In addition to work assignments at their places of employment, the scholars participated in a series of field trips and programs aimed at increasing their understanding of the legal system, improving their writing skills and learning how to network. The experiences included visits to the U.S. District Court; Eighth District Court of Appeals; Court of Common Pleas; Juvenile Court and Detention Center; County Detention Center; Cleveland Municipal Court; Cleveland Law Library; writing clinic and lunch-and-learn programs at the CMBA; and a social outing for scholars and mentors at a Cleveland Indians game.



## Ohio Mock Trial Competition

**No. of volunteers** 55 at District Competition, 32 at Regional Competition

**No. of students participating** 620 students; District Competition involved 35 teams from 10 high schools (more than 400 students) and Regional Competition involved 20 teams from 11 high schools (more than 220 students)

**Community partners** Court of Common Pleas, Cleveland Municipal Court, Eighth District Court of Appeals, Cleveland Law Library, and the Ohio Center For Law-Related Education

The Ohio Mock Trial Competition is the state's largest high school academic competition and the second largest High School Mock Trial program in the nation. Cuyahoga's District event (the first stage of the competition) is the second largest in the state, while our 2012 Regional event (the intermediate stage of the competition) hosted more teams than any other site statewide.

With the help of volunteers from the legal community, more than 620 students representing high schools from five counties were provided the opportunity to develop their communication, analytical, and courtroom skills. Students were judged on their understanding of the case facts and applicable law, the roles of the attorney and witnesses at trial, and courtroom procedures and decorum. More than 80 volunteer judicial panelists — judges, magistrates, and attorneys — presided over the trials and scored the events in 2012.

The fictional case in 2012 asked whether police seizure of a suspect's cell phone GPS records without a warrant violates his/her Fourth Amendment rights. Out of the 20 teams competing at the Cuyahoga Regional Competition, six advanced to the State Tournament in Columbus March 8–10, 2012, from Ashland High School, Mentor High School, Orange High School and Solon High School.

The Ohio Mock Trial program is conducted under the auspices of the Ohio Center for Law Related Education (“OCLRE”). The OCLRE is sponsored by the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio State Bar Association, Attorney General's Office and ACLU Foundation of Ohio. The Cuyahoga District and Regional Competitions are sponsored by the CMBA, with funding support from the CMBF.





## Pro Se Divorce Clinic

**No. of volunteers** 32

**No. of participants served** 214

**Community partners** The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, National Council for Jewish Women

The Pro Se Divorce Clinic serves indigent individuals, referred from the Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program and from The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, who are seeking a simple divorce and who have no minor children or assets. Clinics are held monthly with the help of volunteer attorneys who guide attendees through the process and paperwork without committing to any further representation, with the assistance of non-attorney volunteers.

In 2011–12, the Family Law Section of the CMBA continued its leadership role by coordinating and recruiting volunteers to serve at the monthly clinics both in advisory roles and as clinic leaders. In the summer of 2012, the National Council for Jewish Women began providing additional volunteers, both practicing attorneys and non-lawyer, to assist with clinics.

## Reach Out: Legal Assistance for Nonprofits

**No. of volunteers** 34

**No. of nonprofits helped at clinics** 8

**Community partners** Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel – America (NEOACCA) and the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter

Reach Out: Legal Assistance for Nonprofits is a collaborative effort of NEOACCA, the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter and the CMBA, all of which teamed up in 2012 to develop and provide valuable law-related education and pro bono legal assistance to nonprofit organizations in Northeast Ohio whose missions focus on community service and who demonstrate financial need. Dealing with many of the same complex issues as for-profit businesses, nonprofits often have scarce resources or no budget for legal assistance. This program affords business lawyers and other volunteers the opportunity to give back to the nonprofit community, which in turn benefits the Cleveland and Northeast Ohio communities these nonprofits serve.

Reach Out held presentations on March 29, 2012 on “Fundamentals of Nonprofit Governance,” and on April 19, 2012 on “Contract Basics” and “Real Estate Challenges.” At each clinic, nonprofit representatives were given the opportunity to meet with groups of volunteer attorneys for brief advice and referral.

## Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (VLA)

**Chair** John “Chaz” Weber

**Vice Chair** Todd K. Masuda

**No. of volunteers** 46 Committee members

**No. and kind of artists/audience reached**

**Public education seminars** 4 events, 20–40 attendees per event

**Pro Bono referrals** 15 accepted for representation and/or brief advice, 2 referred to outside resources

**Community partners** Community Partnership for Arts and Culture (CPAC), Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE)

In 2011–12, the VLA continued its partnership with COSE to host a series of well-received educational programs at SPACES Gallery and other venues for artists and arts organizations, as well as informal talks at COSE Arts Network Socials. VLA Committee members volunteered to present topics of interest to artists including copyrights in music; intellectual property in the new media age; contracts between artists and exhibitors; and branding and trademark issues.

The VLA also developed a line of apparel and other products on Café Press bearing the VLA logo and designs by artists who had submitted their works for the VLA’s annual Commission Design Award. In 2012, the VLA launched its own group Facebook page dedicated to connecting its community of artists and volunteers, which has grown to include more than 40 members. In October, the VLA participated in Pro Bono Week by staffing a Legal Aid brief advice and referral clinic at El Barrio / the West Side Ecumenical Ministry. The VLA held its annual summer social at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, where VLA members and their guests received a special tour of the Women Who Rock exhibit. In 2011–12, VLA members took on an even higher number of pro bono referrals and requests for advice, handling almost all applications within the Committee.



# EVENTS & SUPPORTERS

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

## The CMBA Sings (July 21)

**Event Co-chairs** Jonathan B. Leiken and Bruce M. Hennes

Hosted at Nighttown in Cleveland Heights, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association held its first-ever, cabaret-style performance entitled The CMBA Sings. Twenty-three lawyers showcased their talent to family, friends and colleagues at this sold-out show. The event raised \$2,326 for Bar Foundation-funded programs and initiatives.

## 65th Annual Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Merit Awards Luncheon (Sept. 16)

**Event Chair** Lynn A. Lazzaro

The 65th Annual Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Merit Awards Luncheon celebrates and honors public servants whose everyday commitment to the courts ensures full access to the justice system. More than 400 guests attended this annual program featuring keynote remarks from Ed FitzGerald, Cuyahoga County Executive.

For this event, city, county and federal courts nominate individuals to receive merit awards for long and faithful service, devotion to duty, wise counsel, unfailing patience, and assistance to the public and members of the bench and bar of Cuyahoga County. The event welcomes hundreds of attendees annually. The 2011 honorees were: Vicky Baskovic, Domestic Relations Court; Joseph Fouts, U.S. Bankruptcy Court; Robert Kozub and Daniel Peterca, Court of Common Pleas; Kathleen Kurz, Cleveland Municipal Clerk of Courts Office; Caroline Molchan Malanij, Eighth District Court of Appeals; Terrence Murphy, County Clerk of Courts Office; Carlos Robinson, Juvenile Court; Roberta Suydam, South Euclid Municipal Court; Christopher Williams, Cleveland Municipal Court; and Yvette Wright, Probate Court.

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## Halloween Run for Justice 2011 (Oct. 29)

**Event Co-chairs** Bruce G. Hearey and Deborah W. Yeu

The 10th Annual Run for Justice was a resounding success by every measure. A record number of 608 participants competed in the 5K, 5 Mile and 1 Mile runs and the 5K walk, which were coordinated with the assistance of Hermes Sports & Events. A record \$56,116 was raised through race registration fees and the generosity of event sponsors. The event also attracted more adults and children in costume than ever before who enjoyed a morning filled with fun Halloween activities.

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