

Giving Partner Program

Untracht Early Pursues the Perfect Match



Fr. Lou Bihl, Tony and the Giving Partners from Untracht Early

Untracht Early LLC, a mid-size accounting firm in Florham Park, NJ was introduced to Holiday Express in 2008 when employee Lori George volunteered at Eva's Village, Paterson, NJ with her husband's company, Wells Fargo Advisors, a long-time Giving Partner for Sister Gloria Perez and Eva's Village.

Lori was so moved by her experience that she decided to share her story with Untracht Early's Managing Principal, Tracey Early, who immediately contacted Holiday Express to volunteer as a Giving Partner for 2009.

During the 2009 holiday season, Untracht Early co-sponsored the Holiday Express event at Eva's Village, and many of our employees and their families volunteered their time and service at the event. The experience at Eva's Village was so positive and eye-opening that we knew we would continue to participate the following year.

In 2010 wanting to give more, we chose to sponsor Straight & Narrow, a non-profit

organization that is part of Catholic Charities, based in Paterson, NJ, whose goal is to provide help to those in need and create hope for the future. They were hoping for a Giving Partner and it seemed to be a perfect match for Untracht Early, as we were looking for an organization with which to develop our own

long-term relationship.

As the Giving Partner, the firm was given the facility's Wish List. On December 14, employees from Untracht Early volunteered at the event, and presented Fr. Lou Bihl with a folding stage and set of stairs. During the event our volunteers also assisted in serving dinner and dessert, singing, dancing and playing with the children. We also handed out the raffle prizes and distributed Holiday Express gift bags to everyone at the end of the event.

Employee Julissa Cruz describes her most memorable moment, "When the young men came out to do the Disco Santa parody, I stood there and watched the joy on their faces and felt just how much they were enjoying themselves as they performed. I thought to myself how this might have been the very first time in years that they were able to forget the dark reality of what they are going through in their daily lives and just enjoy actually being a teenager for once. I was moved to tears."

Untracht Early believes in the importance of giving back and not only makes contributions to charitable organizations as a firm, but also encourages employees to donate their time and resources to various charities and community organizations throughout the year. We also believe that participating in charitable activities as a group is a great way to build bonds among employees and promote an altruistic atmosphere.

It is easy to see how participating in Holiday Express events positively affects not only the organizations that benefit from this program, but also our employees who volunteer. Those who have volunteered look forward to volunteering the next year and recruit others at work and at home to join them. When asked to describe her experience, Lori George said, "There are no words to describe the feeling when someone hugs you and says 'God Bless You' for volunteering. Bringing a few hours of happiness to the people in these facilities is indescribable."

Our experience with Holiday Express is best summed up by Julissa Cruz. "I want to thank Holiday Express for making a difference in so many people's lives. There are not enough words to express gratitude to such a gracious organization. I will always be thankful to Lori George and Untracht Early for giving me the opportunity to participate in these events because it truly has been a life changing experience and I look forward to being part of it for many years to come."

2010 Giving Partners

Ansell, Grimm & Aaron, PC
Avis Shore Rentals
Frank & Linda Belmont
Kate Brannan
Burrell, Regenstreich & Booker
Buttonwood Drive Neighborhood
Christine's Hope for Kids
Ray DiStefano
The Eyres Family
Frank & Joanne Colella
Cowan Gunteski & Co.
Jane & Dick Denny
Falcatano & DeConca
The Falcatano Family
The Fallon Family
The Ford Family
The Gartz Family
Hutchins, Farrell, Meyer
& Allison, P.A.
The Hadar Family
Housen Financial Group
Melissa Marshall & Friends
McLoone's Asbury Grill
McLoone's Pier House
McLoone's Rum Runner
McLoone's Woodbridge Grille
Don Chamberlain
Merrill Lynch, Red Bank

The Meserlin Family
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney,
Red Bank
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney,
Shrewsbury
Otsuka America Pharmaceutical,
Inc.
The Pignataro Family
Barry Pollack
Doug Raynor & Maggie Dorato
RK Johns & Associates
Rumson Country Day School
Student Council
Salon du Monde
Philip San Filippo
Stafford Smith Realty
The Staub Family
Sunnymeath Asset Management
The Totland Group,
RBC Wealth Mgmt.
Travel Leaders
Untracht Early
Vitt & San Filippo LLC
The Wallach Family
Wells Fargo Advisors
Pat Wotton

2010 Gifts Given to Facilities

\$1500 in Donation Checks
\$1950 in Gift Cards
\$900 in Movie Passes
3-Season Tent (1)
Adaptive Scooter
Adaptive Toys
Basketball Court Pole
Bedding
BlueClaws Picnic Package
Bouncing Chair for
Handicapped Children
Calculators (3)
Camcorder (1)
Canon PowerShot Cameras (3)
Clothing
Coffee Urn
Combined Punch/Binding
Machine
Commercial Refrigerator
Communication Devices
for the Handicapped (2)
Computers (3)
Convection/Toaster Oven
Cookware
Dishes
Double Boiler
Etching Press

Exercise Bikes (2)
Flatware
Hand-Held Electronics Games
Inflatable Outdoor Movie
Screen System
Interactive Games
iPads (2)
iPods (2)
Karaoke Machine
Luggage
Massage Recliner
Microphone
Netflix (12-month Subscription)
Pedometers (25)
Playstations (2)
Portable Stages (2)
Printers (3)
Radio/CD Player
Shade Canopies (2)
Sports Gear
Stereo System
Tilt Table
TVs (2)
Wardrobe Cabinet
Wii Game Consoles (5)
Wii Games (10)