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Bederson LLP Serves as Drop Off for Local Food Drive

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Bederson's Tim King, Chuck Persing, Sean Raquet, Shari Hartstein and Susan Wernick pick up donation items from Anna Shea at the Williams Law Firm in Short Hills.

FAIRFIELD, NJ — Bederson LLP Accountants and Advisors' West Orange and Fairfield offices were recently designated as official drop-off locations for the Essex County Bar Foundation (ECBF) Family Law Committee's food drive, benefitting the Nutley Family Service Bureau (NFSB) Food Pantry.

Firms and companies throughout Essex County participated in the drive, which ran through Nov. 8 and yielded a substantial contribution to the NFSB Food Pantry. All items were ultimately delivered to Kozyra and Hartz law firm in Livingston.

“We try to be good neighbors and a good firm as part of the community,” said Tim King, who co-manages Bederson’s insolvency and litigation department. “We’re involved in a lot of different charities—I would say almost every one of my partners is involved in three or four charities that they spend a lot of time with and contribute a lot of money in some cases.”

King, who was instrumental in this recent endeavor, is also personally involved with Partners for Women in Justice and the Valerie Fund among other charities. On behalf of all Bederson partners, King said that any time the firm hears of an opportunity to give back around the holidays, it’s something that Bederson wants to be a part of.

In this case, King said the fact that collecting donations from various neighboring law firms like Williams Law Firm in Shorts Hills (pictured above) was time consuming meant that the collection was a success.

“It was good that the various law firms in the area were so responsive because you can volunteer to do something and contribute from your own firm, but that’s only one small part,” said King. “It’s the cooperation of the various firms in the area that want to pitch in and help that makes it a much more successful situation.”

Susan Wernick, chief marketing officer at Bederson, was also enthusiastic about how many local firms participated and said “it was a great vibe all the way around.”

“Supporting our community and being of service to others is a core part of our firm’s culture,” said Wernick. “Having the good fortune to participate as a drop-off location gave us the opportunity to be of service to our county’s Bar Association and help our neighbors at the Nutley Family Service Food Pantry.”

Pictured above:

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Tim King, Sean Raquet and Chuck Persing organize some of the donations in their West Orange office.

Alex Chery from Bederson’s Fairfield office, packs the van full of items and delivers them to Kozyra and Hartz in Livingston to the Essex County Bar Association (ECBA) Family Law Committee.