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MURTHA CULLINA LLP PROVIDES THANKSGIVING DINNER AND GIFTS TO MANNA COMMUNITY MEALS

Hartford, CT (November 30, 2009)... Employees of Murtha Cullina's Hartford office, through a combination of fundraisers and donations, raised enough money to provide 30 turkeys and 100 gift bags to the MANNA Community Meals program for their Thanksgiving meal. Because food supplies at area food banks are low this year, the program wasn't sure if it would be able to serve turkey on Thanksgiving.

Murtha attorneys and staff regularly volunteer their lunch hours to serve at the MANNA soup kitchen. After seeing the benefits that MANNA provides the community, employees were excited to be able to do more. The firm raised money with a bake sale, a "pay to wear jeans" day, and through the generous donations of employees.

"Our firm has become personally vested in the mission of the Community Meals program," said Renee Gilroy, the firm's marketing communications manager who organizes the firm's involvement. "By volunteering at the soup kitchen, we've gotten to know the clients and we see how much they appreciate the help they are given. We just wanted to make this Thanksgiving a little easier on them."

In addition to the turkeys, employees put together 100 gift bags filled with essentials – toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, tissues, lip balm, snacks and drinks.

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About MANNA Community Meals

MANNA Community Meals is a soup kitchen located at 45 Church Street in the Parish House of Christ Church Cathedral, serving homeless adults and people whose lives are caught up in the downward spiral of substance abuse, unemployment and chronic mental illness. Lunch is served each weekday, plus dinners on Monday and Tuesday nights. MANNA Community Meals also offers community dinners on eight holidays throughout the year which bring clients, staff and volunteers together for the sharing of food and fellowship.

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