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Embracing Our Impact

Fellows,

Welcome to a great new year for the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation. Our theme this year is Embracing Our Impact and the Board of Trustees will be evaluating, among other things, our financial and community impact to make sure that we are doing everything we can be doing to improve the Foundation for years to come.

I commend you and thank you for accepting your invitation to join the Foundation as a Fellow. Your contributions help to fund our grant program and we could not continue without your continuing support. If you ever have any questions for the Board or just want to be more involved please reach out to me.

Last year, through your donations and the success of our fundraising events, we were able to provide \$30,438.72 in grants to Aids Foundation Houston, Arc Houston, Breakthrough Houston, Casa de Esperanza, Children at Risk, Communities in Schools, Emerge Houston, Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment, Gigi's Playhouse, Small Steps Nurturing Center, Termite Watkins Charitable Foundation, Texas Center for the Missing and Yes Prep.

Our signature fundraising events and activities include the Fun Run, the Golf Tournament, the Poker Tournament, the Law Day Luncheon, and the Adopt-an-Angel program. More information about each of these events is included below.



Fun Run. Our annual Fun Run took place on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Sam Houston Park. We had a great turnout with running, music, food and drink for all involved. Darren Ticer and Kelley Clark chaired the committee for the Foundation and we will follow up with fundraising results later this year. If you are interested in helping out with the Fun Run in 2019 its never too early to reach out!



Golf Tournament. Our golf tournament is in its 26th year and continues to be a big success. The tournament will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018, with a shot-gun start at 12pm at Black Horse Golf Club. We are hoping to have at least 120 golfers this year with great give a ways and prizes. There are numerous way to sponsor or participate in the tournament. If you would like to be involved, please contact Co-Chairs Andrew Edelman at aedelman@winstead.com or Michael Reed at mreed@huntonak.com.



Adopt-an-Angel. This event is a staple of the Houston legal community. Each year the Foundation and the Association partner with law firms and businesses in Houston to serve our community by fulfilling the holiday wish lists of more than 2,500 elementary age children in our community. We hope that you will participate by sponsoring a child and providing holiday gifts, or being one of the many volunteers that are needed to make this amazing act of kindness happen. Our amazing committee has already started work and will need lots of help preparing gift lists and sorting and delivering gifts. If you would like to be involved, please contact Co-Chairs Samantha-Ann Horwitch at Samantha-Anne.Horwitch@manhattanresources.com or Sherry Hill at sherry@houstonelderlawyer.com.



Poker Tournament. The Poker Tournament is our newest fundraising event and is now in its 3rd year. From its inception it

has been held at Karbach Brewery and every year the number of players and sponsors has grown. The Poker Tournament will be held in February 2019 so please be on the lookout for date and location once we finalize. There are numerous ways to sponsor or participate in the tournament. If you would like to sponsor, play or just be involved in the planning process please reach out to Co-Chairs Alex Roberts at [aroberts@beckredde.com](mailto:aroberts@beckredde.com) or Veronica Montemayor at [vmontemayor@stibbsco.com](mailto:vmontemayor@stibbsco.com).



*Law Day Luncheon.* As part of the nationally celebrated Law Day, the Foundation and the Association have traditionally held a luncheon that underscores how law and the legal process contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share. Last bar year's highly attended lunch celebrated the Separation of Powers and we were honored to have the Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas sharing her insight and wisdom on the subject. This bar year's lunch will be held in May 2019. We look forward to your participation and attendance. If you would like to be involved, please contact Co-Chairs Kristen Bates at [kbates@thstrongfirm.com](mailto:kbates@thstrongfirm.com) or Alex Farias at [afarias0025@gmail.com](mailto:afarias0025@gmail.com).

For more information on these events please go to the Foundation's website at <http://www.hyla.org/foundation/hylf-programs> or reach out to anyone on the Board of Trustees. In addition, we plan to add another signature event in the Spring and will be sending more information on it soon.

As a Fellow, your contributions and involvement are greatly appreciated and needed for us to continue to give back as a legal community. To make a payment on your Fellows' commitment, go to <https://www.hyla.org/foundation/pay-fellows-commitment>.

Additionally, Fellows are encouraged to be members of the Association, either as regular or sustaining members. HYLAL members get access and discounted prices to HYLAL events throughout the bar year. For more information about HYLAL membership levels and to join or renew your membership for this bar year, please visit [www.hyla.org/join-or-renew](http://www.hyla.org/join-or-renew).

It's an exciting time to be a Fellow! We look forward to working with you this year and seeing you at our future events.

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