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**“If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.”**

—Booker T. Washington

### Dear Colleagues:

We have expanded beyond the first Pro Bono Newsletter we sent out last year to capture and recognize the many other kinds of volunteer outreach sponsored by our firm. I hope you enjoy the first issue of Pillsbury's new Pro Bono & Community Outreach Newsletter.

This edition includes a roundup of pro bono activities undertaken during the second half of 2006 and highlights local community activities during the year. We have put a few of these stories in the spotlight to capture a more personal perspective on the work being done. It's a pleasure to see and share these stories, and I encourage you to contact the colleagues named here if you want to get involved.

In 2006, more than 60% of Pillsbury's attorneys provided pro bono legal service and 31% of us performed at least 20 hours. There's always more that can be done, so please contact the local office representatives named on page 12 if you would like to join or initiate a project.

### Tom Loran

Chair, Pro Bono Committee



*Thousands of New York's yellow cabs will receive a temporary makeover this fall in a new community art and therapy program supported by pro bono legal services from Pillsbury. See page 4 for more on the "Garden in Transit" event.*



## Pro Bono Spotlight

### American University of Afghanistan: Education, Reconstruction, International Aid

*Above: Graduates of the American University of Afghanistan Foundation Studies Program, many with diplomas in hand, gathered for a photo in front of one of the reconstructed buildings on the AUA campus.*

The multiple tragedies of Afghanistan over the last 25 years—from the Soviet invasion of 1979 through the current challenges—obliterated many key institutions and the institutional knowledge that went with them. So when Afghans wanted to open their first co-ed liberal arts university since the fall of the Taliban, they needed assistance. After initial volunteer work on the country’s preschools, Pillsbury attorneys were asked to advise the nonprofit governing board of the new American University of Afghanistan. Pillsbury partner Richard Odgers traveled to Afghanistan to provide in-person pro bono counsel.

In addition, Dick and other Pillsbury attorneys performed the legal work needed to establish a U.S. fundraising foundation for the university—a foundation that raised \$128,000 in its first year despite its pending tax-exempt status. Pillsbury has also helped position the university for accreditation that will enable its graduates to pursue further studies at U.S. and European schools. As of December 2006, the English-language liberal arts university had enrolled more than 200 students, 26% of whom are women. And Pillsbury has committed to an extended pro bono relationship with the institution by formally signing on as the university’s counsel.

**“My wife insisted on joining me on the excursion to Kabul. (‘If I’m not there, you’re likely to do something stupid,’ she said.) Neither of us realized the full magnitude of the poverty and insecurity in Afghanistan. We left Kabul convinced that the university can make a real difference.”**

**— Dick Odgers, Partner, San Francisco**

*The American University of Afghanistan Foundation can be contacted by phone at 703.534.5821.*



## Pro Bono Spotlight

### The Arsenic Foundation: Health, International Aid

*Above: A woman in Bangladesh drinks clean water piped through to the first-ever kitchen tap in her home, installed with financial support from the Arsenic Foundation.*

One of the first things Karen Dawson did when she joined Pillsbury as a first-year associate was sign up for pro bono assignments through Volunteers of Legal Service, Inc., and New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, which opened up a world of opportunities for helping others. Karen's first VOLS assignment involved a prolonged landlord-tenant dispute. Most recently, she helped incorporate a new nonprofit organization called the Arsenic Foundation, an assignment that came from NYLPI.

The foundation seeks to prevent severe skin disorders and cancers seen in villages where the water supply is poisoned by naturally occurring arsenic. While arsenic contamination can affect groundwater around the world, the chronic health effects are a major concern for more than 35 million people in Bangladesh. That's where the Arsenic Foundation is funding new wells and filters that provide clean water at a cost of about \$6 per person. Through Karen's assistance, the foundation now qualifies for tax-deductible donations from its supporters.

**"I loved Southeast Asia as a backpacking traveler, and the Harvard professor who founded the Arsenic Foundation is a wonderful character. It doesn't have to be the case that a pro bono assignment resonates with you personally, but it is very nice when it does."**

**— Karen Dawson, Associate, New York**

*To learn more about the Arsenic Foundation, visit [www.arsenicfoundation.com](http://www.arsenicfoundation.com).*



## Pro Bono Spotlight

Portraits of Hope: Children,  
Community, Public Art

Imagine a movable feast for the eyes: More than 12,000 yellow taxis—all sporting new hood, trunk and roof panels painted with large, brightly colored flowers—traveling simultaneously through the streets of New York. Even better, this enormous public art project also provides a therapeutic and creative outlet for thousands of children.

“Garden in Transit” is the latest and most ambitious vision from Portraits of Hope, a unique civic art and community organization that Pillsbury has worked with over several years. Pillsbury partner Susan Kohlmann helped the idea become a reality by working with New York City officials and regulatory bodies to secure approvals for the taxi project. The Garden in Transit blooms in fall 2007, which is also the 100th anniversary of the city’s first metered taxis.

**“Being a lifelong New Yorker, I think this project will be a real boost to the city. Therapeutic artwork has proven to be a great way to help kids who are coping with challenging life circumstances.”**

—Susan Kohlmann, Partner, New York

*More pictures of the Garden in Transit and other therapeutic artwork projects can be seen at [www.portraitsofhope.com](http://www.portraitsofhope.com).*



## Pro Bono Spotlight

The Children’s Law Center: Youth and Family, Legal Services

It was a good sign of things to come: When Shaw Pittman associate Jack Chu went for training to become a volunteer guardian ad litem in Washington, DC, the session was hosted by Pillsbury Winthrop. So when our two firms merged the following year, Jack was sure that the combined firm would support his ongoing commitment to the Children’s Law Center.

As a court-appointed guardian, Jack advocates for a child’s best interests in heated custody disputes. The requisite investigations and court appearances hone his litigation skills; the responsibility for a child’s future often weighs on him. But the overall benefit is clear.

**“I very much appreciate having the opportunity to do this kind of work. The person with whom a child spends the next 10 to 13 years of his life is very important to his development. I want to do whatever I can to ensure the best outcome for each child.”**

—Jack Chu, Associate, Northern Virginia

*For more information on The Children’s Law Center of Washington, DC, visit [www.childrenslawcenter.org](http://www.childrenslawcenter.org)*



## Pro Bono Office Roundup

### Houston

#### DRAFTING WILLS FOR FRONTLINE RESPONDERS

Pillsbury attorneys and staff volunteered in a recent Wills for Heroes event, providing pro bono wills and ancillary documents for area police officers, firefighters and EMTs while their families enjoyed carnival games set up for the event. The Houston office also participated in training for the event, in partnership with the Young Lawyer Associations of Houston, Galveston and Fort Bend.

*Pillsbury participants in the November 4th Wills for Heroes event included Gindi Eckel Vincent, Julie Hutchings, Belinda Howard, Kim McNamara, Jesse Crochet and Angelica Guerra.*

#### PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ADVICE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Pillsbury's Houston office provides attorney volunteers to staff Houston Bar Association's LegalLine program on at least four nights throughout the year. LegalLine provides callers with free legal advice and referrals to other legal and social service agencies for help with problems. The callers raise various issues, including consumer and employment law, elder law and wills.

*Volunteers for the office's December LegalLine staffing included Ben McReynolds, Tony Cavender, Gindi Eckel Vincent, Brent Monteleone and Julie Hutchings.*

#### CLEARING THE RECORDS OF REHABILITATED YOUTHS

Brent Monteleone is spearheading the firm's participation in the Southwest Juvenile Defender Center's "Expungement Project." The Expungement Project provides attorneys to represent minors who are not repeat offenders and are seeking to have their criminal records cleared or expunged. The goal is to spare rehabilitated young people from the stigma of first mistakes.

#### RAISING AWARENESS REGARDING JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN ETHICS

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of *Dimick, et al. v. Republican Party of Minnesota, et al.*, but Pillsbury attorneys have continued to play a role in highlighting an Eighth Circuit decision that invalidated the restrictions on judicial campaigns that are part of the American Bar Association Model Code and have been adopted by approximately 30 states. Our client, the ABA, invited Richard Hogan to participate in a presentation

of the amicus brief and a mock Supreme Court argument on the issue at its August 2006 Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section convention.

*The amicus brief by Richard and Jennifer Hogan, with assistance from Matthew Covelev, is posted on the ABA's Web site at [www.abanet.org/amicus/briefs/holton06.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/amicus/briefs/holton06.pdf).*

### Los Angeles

#### ESTABLISHING GUARDIANSHIPS FOR INDIGENT CLIENTS

As part of the office's ongoing work for the Alliance for Children's Rights, guardianships were recently obtained by Daphne Bishop, Mariah Brandt, Caroline Keller, Catherine Lucy and Brian Stern.

#### EMPLOYMENT LAW AND IP FOR LATINO EDUCATION CENTER

Daphne Bishop and Sheryl Stein are in the process of updating an employee handbook for El Centro Latino de Education, a nonprofit that teaches Spanish-speaking adults to read. On another front, Caroline Keller is handling intellectual property work for El Centro's computer-based literacy program for Spanish speakers, called ¡Leamos! (Let's Read!), and will be

supervising preparation of the end-user license agreement for the computer program.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ASSISTANCE THROUGH PUBLIC COUNSEL

Caroline Keller and Carolyn Lu have helped with trademark work and licensing agreements for Public Counsel client Community Partners. Caroline Keller has also done copyright work for Public Counsel client Hanna Rose and trademark work for Public Counsel client Gabriella Hernandez.

## New York

### HELPING CHILDREN AND PARENTS IN HEALTH CARE CRISES

In the last quarter of 2006, associates in the New York office took on five matters referred by the Volunteers Of Legal Service Children's Project of NYU Hospital. In one case, we are helping a mother and daughter from Cote d'Ivoire to apply for visa extensions allowing them to stay in the U.S. and continue the daughter's medical treatment and follow-up care. Another case involves helping a Guinean woman whose 21-month-old son was admitted to NYU Hospital last September for cardiac surgery. Due to medical complications, the child will not be able to return to Guinea before his mother's visa expires. The mother needs help extending her tourist visa so that she can legally remain in the U.S. while her son is in the hospital and then be able to return for the boy's follow-up treatment. Another client sought assistance in requesting Medicaid approval for additional in-home care of her incurably ill son. The client's efforts have been hampered by a language barrier (she speaks only Polish) and physical weakness due to her own battle with cancer.

*Susan Kohlmann is supervising the work taken on by Priscilla Ng and Rachel Shamash, Elizabeth Husa and Sandra Barragan, Yuri Pope, Allison Fleming, Ryan Krieger and Matt Murphy.*



*The co-leader of Pillsbury's Litigation practice, Ken Taber (center left), represented the firm at a May 2006 press conference where New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced a first-of-its-kind lawsuit, with Pillsbury as co-counsel for the City.*

### PRO BONO BANKRUPTCY REPRESENTATION

Richard Epling and Lara Sheikh now serve on the pro bono panel established in March 2006 by the bankruptcy judges of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. In November they accepted a matter referred by Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez, representing an individual chapter 7 debtor facing two complaints seeking the non-dischargeability of a mortgage debt based on the debtor's alleged fraud. The case involves a complicated fact pattern and will likely go to trial in April 2007.

*Attorneys who are interested in learning more about the panel can visit [www.nysb.uscourts.gov](http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov) or ask Richard or Lara for information.*

### ENABLING NEW INITIATIVES FOR HUNGER RELIEF

Led by Kerry Brennan, Pillsbury lawyers continue to work with Share Our Strength (SOS), a national hunger relief organization that raises funds in innovative ways. Most recently, Elizabeth Husa and Erin McCampbell helped prepare sponsorship and licensing agreements for new SOS sponsors, including an online restaurant service provider and wine franchiser. Jessica Habib worked on the formation of a new for-profit subsidiary, Share Our Strength Enterprises, which will operate a wine store franchise. Michael Simpson has pitched in with assistance on SOS's

trademark portfolio, counseling the organization on new marks. Lauren Lynch Flick of the Washington, DC office has advised SOS on its promotion of a cross-country raffle.

*For more about SOS, visit [www.strength.com](http://www.strength.com).*

### UPDATE: NEW SUIT AND SETTLEMENTS FOR NEW YORK CITY

Pillsbury continues to serve as co-counsel to the City of New York as plaintiff in two lawsuits against out-of-state firearms dealers who sold guns linked to crimes in New York. Five defendants in the original suit settled, agreeing to third-party monitoring of their sales activities to ensure compliance with law. A second suit, filed December 7, named an additional 11 dealers. The City's press release announcing the new suit also quoted Pillsbury partner Ken Taber: "The wisdom of Mayor Bloomberg's litigation strategy has already been proven by the settlements achieved to date. As a leading law firm that has been in New York City for nearly 140 years, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman is proud to contribute additional resources to the Mayor's efforts to keep illegal guns off the City's streets."

*Led by Ken Taber and John Pritchard, participants in the City's case include Bryan Dunlap, Lauren Ernst, Maria Galeno, Jeff Gavenman, Susan Greenberg, Elizabeth Husa, Nick Minella, Ken Newby, Sangita Shah, James Wheaton, Stacy Packer and Hani Khalil.*

## Northern Virginia

### ADVISING ON CONTRACTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Scott Barat is representing the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing to provide design and construction contracting advice in connection with a new affordable housing project planned for Rosslyn, Virginia.

### CORPORATE ORGANIZATION FOR YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUES

Ray Sweigart assisted several local Tier I youth hockey teams—the Washington Little Capitals, Washington Junior Capitals and Washington Junior Nationals—with franchise transfer in the Atlantic Hockey League, corporate organization and reorganization as Virginia not-for-profit corporations, and IRS 501(c)(3) qualification, in conjunction with new ownership/management and relocation from Washington, DC to the new Capitals' ice center in Ballston, Arlington, VA. He has also continued to assist the Tier II Ashburn Xtreme (a/k/a Virginia Youth Hockey, Inc.) with corporate governance and with Capital Beltway Hockey League and USA Hockey relations.

## Sacramento

### LEGAL SERVICES TO THE INDIGENT

Erin Carroll and John Poulos have continued their work with the Legal Clinic of Yolo County, a legal clinic for indigent clients in the county surrounding the University of California at Davis. The clinic was founded in 2006 with the assistance of lawyers at Pillsbury and other Sacramento-area law firms. It is facilitated by Legal Services of Northern California. Pillsbury also recently hosted a training session for the attorneys volunteering at the clinic. Although the clinic is still in its relative infancy, community interest has been growing steadily. Pillsbury has assisted several of the dozens of clients who have sought advice at the drop-in clinic, and we anticipate that the clinic will generate more pro bono opportunities in 2007.

## San Diego

### OBTAINING SETTLEMENTS FOR UPROOTED TRAILER PARK RESIDENTS

Matthew Walker represented the tenants of a Chula Vista mobile home park that is being shut down. California law requires park owners to pay “reasonable” relocation costs for dislodged tenants, but the owners of the Jade Bay Mobile Lodge bypassed this requirement by filing for bankruptcy protection. Matthew brokered a settlement with the park owners that gave the tenants 100% of “insurance replacement value” of their homes rather than the 15% approved by a federal bankruptcy judge. In addition, the tenants received the money immediately rather than after they moved from the park—a major benefit to the tenants, who are largely poor.



## San Francisco

### HELPING A DISABLED TENANT KEEP HIS HOME

Corey Parson and Bill Krause responded to an attempted eviction of a wheelchair-bound client based on trumped-up nuisance charges. The client had lived in his apartment for over 20 years when a new property manager tried to have him evicted. After Pillsbury attorneys filed two motions to strike the complaint, the plaintiff agreed to settle and the client kept his home for the holidays.

### INITIAL SETTLEMENT SECURED IN UNINHABITABLE HOUSING SUIT

In a matter from the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, Blaine Green and Shannon Waggoner represent a client in a damages

lawsuit against his former landlords. The client suffered harassment while living for approximately 12 months in a 400-square-foot “apartment” where raw sewage backed up in the shower and toilet, black mold covered the insides of the walls and live wires hung from the ceiling. In December, shortly before Christmas, we negotiated a settlement with the building owner’s insurance carrier that resulted in a \$25,000 payment to the client, and we continue to pursue another defendant for additional damages.

## Silicon Valley

### UPDATE: CERT PETITION IN DAVIS V. ALABAMA DEATH PENALTY APPEAL

On December 28, Pillsbury and co-counsel from three other firms filed a certiorari petition with the Alabama Supreme Court in *Jimmy Davis v. State of Alabama*. The petition seeks review of a decision by the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals that affirmed a lower court ruling denying Mr. Davis’ petition for relief from his conviction and death sentence. Specifically, although the appeals court found that Mr. Davis’ trial counsel were constitutionally ineffective at the penalty phase of his trial (a finding that would entitle him to a new penalty phase and new sentencing), that court applied—*sua sponte*—a procedural bar that had never been raised by the State or the lower court in over six years of litigation. The State agreed in its brief on an earlier motion for reconsideration that the court acted improperly. We are awaiting the Alabama Supreme Court’s decision on certiorari.

*Pillsbury’s effort is led by Nicole Townsend Bartow, with assistance from legal analysts Janice Hall, David Tull, Louis Santa Ana and legal assistant Meri Rose.*

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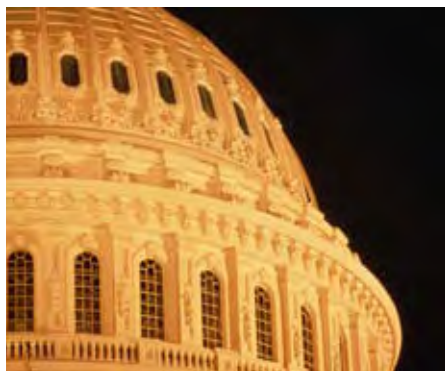
## Silicon Valley con't.

### TRADEMARKS OBTAINED FOR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS INITIATIVE

The Women's Initiative for Self Employment is a Bay Area organization that helps low-income women start and expand their own businesses through an intensive program in business management and personal development, which is offered in both English and Spanish. Patty Cotton is helping the organization register and maintain its trademarks with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

### EMPLOYMENT LAW DEFENSE

Anne-Marie Lentini, Joe Tiffany and Paula Weber are defending the Junior League of San Francisco against a claim brought by a former employee. The claim alleges that the organization discriminated against the employee on the basis of her age and disability when it terminated her employment in 2005, and that it violated California wage and hour laws.



## Washington, DC

### UPDATE: UNPRECEDENTED EXECUTION REPRIEVE IN SPIRKO DEATH PENALTY CASE

For 12 years, Pillsbury has represented John Spirko, an inmate with substantial claims of actual innocence who has been on Ohio's death row since 1984. On October 20, Ohio's outgoing Republican Governor Robert Taft granted Mr. Spirko an unprecedented fifth reprieve of execution.

Gov. Taft granted the six-month reprieve at the request of the outgoing Republican Ohio attorney general to allow for additional time to complete DNA testing, which started in late 2005. This most recent reprieve moved Mr. Spirko's execution date to April 2007 and into the hands of a new Democratic governor and attorney general who may be more sympathetic to death penalty challenges.

*This longtime commitment continues through contributions from Tom Hill, Alvin Dunn, Ashley McDonald and Alison Rousseau.*

### FACILITATING A MERGER OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Lisa Hix and Audra Heagney of the firm's Nonprofit Organizations practice assisted in the merger of the Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities and the Piedmont Environmental Council. Together, these organizations will promote transportation investments, land use policies and neighborhood designs that enhance existing communities and protect the environment.

### IP WORK LEADS TO PUBLICATION FOR DISABLED AUTHOR-ATHLETE

Client Sharon Moore Myers, a four-time Pan-American Paralympian wheelchair athlete referred to the firm by Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts, self-published her book "Paco's Gift" in late November 2006. The book, written in both English and Spanish, is the inspirational story of Ms. Myers' encounter in Cusco, Peru with a shoeshine boy who touched her heart. Ms. Myers intends to use proceeds of the book's sales to help the less fortunate in Peru. The book has sold well in the Roanoke, Virginia area and has received widespread praise. Phil Rothenberg and Stephanie Goeller have provided general legal and intellectual property advice to Ms. Myers over the course of the two years that it took to produce this book.

## 2006 Pro Bono Media Highlights

### NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL: "PUBLIC INTEREST PROJECTS"

Pillsbury's "groundbreaking" litigation with the City of New York against out-of-state gun dealers engaged in illegal sales of firearms is reported. *December 29, 2006*

### SAN FRANCISCO DAILY JOURNAL: "ATTORNEY HAS EAR FOR MUSICAL PRO BONO WORK"

Pillsbury counsel Cydney Tune's work for the San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Ballet, Unbroken Chain Foundation, San Francisco Performances and Bread and Roses is featured. *December 29, 2006*

### THE WASHINGTON POST: "TWO WOMEN SUE D.C., ALLEGING RAPE BY JAIL GUARDS"

The story describes a lawsuit filed by Pillsbury partner Thomas C. Hill in a pro bono collaboration with the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. *December 14, 2006*

### LEGALTIMES.COM: "A SUMMER FOR GOOD WORKS"

The story describes Pillsbury's program for summer associates in Washington, DC, who can spend part of their summer working for a public interest group while drawing a salary from the firm. *June 5, 2006*

### MARIN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL: "MILL VALLEY LAWYER TO BE FETED FOR WORK WITH INDIGENT"

Pillsbury partner Richard Odgers receives the 2006 Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League of San Francisco. *April 26, 2006*

## New York

### ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

The Judicial Resource Center MENTOR program is a partnership between law firms and public schools throughout New York City, with 63 law firms were actively participating in the program. Pillsbury has been involved for several years in coaching the moot court and mock trial teams from Martin Van Buren High School.

In October and November, Nicole Gladden, Lynne Lacoursière and Jeremy Harris worked with students on the fundamentals of arguing an appellate case. This year's case focused on defamation and the First Amendment. The students who participated had a great experience and walked away with more knowledge about the law, the legal profession and the way that the courts function. Pillsbury is now coaching a new team as they prepare to compete in MENTOR's mock trial competition.

## Orange County

### RECEIVING THE LEARNED HAND AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Craig Barbarosh will be honored in March as the 2006 recipient of the American Jewish Committee's Learned Hand Community Services Award. The award was established in memory of Judge Hand, who served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1924 to 1951. According to the AJC, the award is presented to "outstanding leaders in the legal profession who exemplify the high principles for which Judge Learned Hand was renowned and is bestowed to an attorney who has given back to the community and enhanced the lives of others through philanthropy, volunteerism, and activism."



## 2006 Community Activities

There is a rich tradition throughout our firm of giving back to the community. By way of local community outreach initiatives, employees, friends and clients join together year-round to participate in a wide variety of events to help enrich and improve the quality of life for many.

*Above: Among the Northern Virginia contingent bundled up for a chilly DC fundraiser benefiting the American Diabetes Association are (from left to right) legal secretary Margaret Pacelli and her husband, word processor Carla Dancy, marketing coordinator Claudia Gomez and her beau, and alum employee Raquel Gomez. Also present just beyond the frame of this photo is Pillsbury caterer Manuel Gomez.*

## Houston

### SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS

John Easton recently completed a term as co-chair of the Houston Bar Association's Special Olympics Committee and remains on board as a committee member. During his co-chair term he logged more than 100 hours in support of the organization, including volunteering at a number of Special Olympics events.

## Los Angeles

### COMPETING TO FEED THE HUNGRY

The Los Angeles office spurred itself to greater success by having its three floors compete to see which could collect the most food for "A Season for Sharing," the LA Regional Food Bank's annual December drive. The office collected 545 pounds of food in less than a month, with the 27th floor leading the way.

## Sacramento

### MAKING STRIDES IN THE RACE FOR THE CURE

Our Sacramento office raised over \$16,000 as part of the 2006 Komen Sacramento Race for the Cure, which supports research and community outreach in the battle against breast cancer. Team Pillsbury won first place for the highest contributions collected per member by a corporate team, and a bonus award for the highest percentage of team members collecting \$100 or more in pledges.

*Co-captains Amy Pierce and Andrea Courtney led our team, which included Andrew Bluth, Alexa Bluth, Carrie Bonnington, Barbara and Robert Scharf, Ana Cardenas, Kathryn Donovan, Larry Aronson, Deborah Johansen-Cook, Bridget Scharn, Linda Magyar, Sherria Weiss, Vivian Manuel, Nancy Whitaker, Babe Fain, Angie Pierce, Ken Gallardo, Lauren Gallardo, Nathan Gallardo, Jason Howard and Jennifer Howard.*



*The cake says it all: The Northern Virginia and Washington, DC offices hosted a festive Back 2 School Bash last year for area children, who also received new book bags and school supplies paid for with donations raised by Pillsbury.*

## San Diego

### SNACKING TO SUPPORT A CHILDREN'S CHARITY

There's always an incentive to eat in the Pillsbury's downtown San Diego and Carmel Valley offices: In just the last six months of 2006, the "profits" from longstanding office snack baskets became a nearly \$1000 donation to Volunteer San Diego's "A Visit from St. Nicholas" program.

Indeed, the wealth of the charitable impulses (or rumbling stomachs) has spawned a sophisticated system for IOUs and pre-paid cards for purchases of granola bars, trail mix, goldfish crackers, chips and candy bars, which are kept in stock through Costco shopping trips by Gayle Gebhart, Jennifer Scanlon and Robin Eschenbruecher. The organizers hope to raise \$3000 this year, with help from those who have come to depend on the baskets' more substantive offerings. "They get quite cranky when we're out of soup or tuna or nuts," notes Gebhart.

## San Francisco

### SHOWING OUR SPIRIT FOR THE UNITED WAY

The office's 2006 United Way campaign raised more than \$120,000 in individual donations for many good causes supported by the United Way.

Lynn Davis was recognized in 2006 as the top United Way campaign coordinator among all Bay Area law firms, and Pillsbury received the Campaign Spirit Award as the firm that was especially creative and inspiring in the conduct of its campaign.

## Washington, DC/ Northern Virginia

### SHOPPING FOR MUCH-NEEDED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Mid-Atlantic offices partnered with Community Family Life Services to provide school supplies to children in the organization's youth services program. After raising nearly \$2,500, volunteers from both offices went shopping and packed book bags for a Back 2 School Bash attended by appreciative children and parents.

*The Back 2 School event was chaired by Maria Stanfield, with coordinating assistance from Chris Andrews and Kacy Zuchowski.*

*Other volunteers were Shakira Bendolph, Kyle Jackson, Ebony Miles, Robin Ferguson, Joyce Hill, Sonya Farrell, La Toya Jackson, Gerri Carrenard, Sandy Kosteley, Lentee Stewart, Carla Dancy, Patty Nelson, Nicole Alexander, Heather Petroni, Angel Harris-Lewis, Jennifer Sallee, Meryl Vlatas, Miriam Nelsen, Keona Tucker, Angela Brown, Patricia McMillan-Lee and Amber Menifield.*

### HELPING LOW-INCOME WOMEN WITH CAREER EDUCATION AND CLOTHING

The annual clothing drive for Suited for Change, a Washington, DC nonprofit, elicited another exceptional response from Pillsbury in 2006. Led by Maria Stanfield, a Suited for Change board member, and assisted by Chris Andrews and Ebony Miles, the drive generated enough clothing to fill the 25-passenger bus used to deliver the collection.



## Spotlight: Silicon Valley

*Above: A bevy of donated bunnies and other animals gathered in the lobby of Pillsbury's Silicon Valley office before heading to new homes via the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.*

You never know what you might find when you enter the lobby of a Pillsbury office. Take, for instance, the Silicon Valley office. At one point the lobby held some 30,000 pounds of donated food brought in for a collection drive. There's the annual clothing collection for Career Closet, the Back-to-School Backpacks donations, used computers for Achieve Kids, and used cell phones for the Battered Women's Support Network. But for sheer warmth, it's hard to top a lobby with dozens of plush toy bunnies.

Pillsbury clients are among those donating the stuffed toys, which are then given to children receiving medical care at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. As the only gifts donated to the hospital's patients around the Easter holiday, the bunnies became even more appealing. But legal

secretary Trish Hall and other members of the office's Care Committee find lots of ways to spur donations, like the Cal vs. Stanford food drive competition. Yes, sometimes it's OK to say "Go Bears!" in Palo Alto.

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**"We have a great group of people here in Silicon Valley, and everyone works hard on these projects. It's fun, and it really does keep the morale high."**

— Trish Hall, Secretary, Silicon Valley

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