

SCWLA,

Thanks to the giving hearts of this organization, the Community Outreach Committee had a successful year impacting the communities in which we live. Please see below for a recap of how our efforts made South Carolina a little brighter this year!

Women's Shelter Refurbishment Project

The Community Outreach Committee in the Midlands joined forces with the SC BAR-YLD Voices Against Violence Committee again this year to refurbish a local women's shelter in Orangeburg. Together the group painted a toy room/nursery, assembled new, donated furniture, organized a storage shed, and spruced up the shelter's garden!



Member Survey for Annually Reoccurring Service Project

The committee surveyed our membership in an effort to come up with a staple service project that SCWLA would do each year. We were **overwhelmed** with great ideas to include a drive to collect business attire for less fortunate women in the workforce, human trafficking initiatives, refurbishing classrooms at a local school for Autistic students, and so many others. However, the stand out was a collaboration of several members' ideas and SCWLA held its first Pack-a-Purse Drive last year and it was a hit!



Ideas for Spring/Summer Service Initiative

The Community Outreach Committee needs your input!! The committee has had success the past few years in hosting meaningful service projects in the Fall and Winter in the form of our annual non-perishable food drive and our toy drive to benefit under-privileged children.

The committee seeks to implement an annual service initiative for the Spring or Summer that will become a SCWLA staple in the community.

Please send your unique ideas for an impactful annually reoccurring service event to Allyce Bailey at abailey@turnerpadget.com by April 3rd! The member that submits the service project idea that is ultimately implemented will win a gift card!

SCWLA Pack-a-Purse Drive

From June 1 through June 14, the Community Outreach Committee held a Pack-A-Purse Drive in each region of the state. The committee received numerous donations of new/gently used basic tote bags and purses filled with women's essentials (deodorant, wet wipes, feminine hygiene products, etc.) These bags were dropped off to women's shelters in each region of the state.



Food from the Bar



The committee hosted the state's inaugural Food from the Bar campaign!

This was a friendly competition amongst the bar to see what law firm or agency could earn the most Food from the Bar points. Points were earned by volunteering at your local food bank, making monetary contributions, and of course, donating non-perishable food items!

Numerous teams competed across the state actively striving to stomp out hunger but the following winners prevailed:

In the Upstate:



In the Low Country:



In the Midlands:

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Holiday Toy Drive



In 2015, SCWLA had overwhelming success with a toy drive that enabled every single child involved with Court Appointed Special Advocates to receive a *personal* Christmas wish! The organization has asked that we re-implement the project this year. Promotion of this service project will begin soon!