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Community Relations

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Mesirow Financial is unified behind education, a key issue of importance to our communities. In addition, we support many unique organizations by partnering with our employees and our clients as they follow their passions to make an impact.

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About Mesirow Financial
Mesirow Financial is an independent, employee-owned firm founded in 1937. As specialists in investment, risk management and advisory services, we are committed to helping our institutional, corporate and individual clients achieve their objectives. Our professionals are inspired by an entrepreneurial desire to develop tailored solutions designed to deliver measurable results. To learn more, please visit mesirowfinancial.com.

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We leverage our resources – financial contributions, employee volunteering, mentoring and in-kind services – to support local and national organizations that focus on education, economic development, health care, arts and culture, services for the disabled and more.

**Investing in Our Youth**

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**A Week of Service**

To celebrate Mesirow Financial’s 80th anniversary, employees mobilized around one of our most important values: giving back to the community. We selected charitable organizations with a proven record of success in addressing the needs of the wider Chicago community, collected donations and supplies and brought volunteers to the organizations to produce results.

**Employee Investment**

Many of our employees are actively involved with various charitable organizations as volunteers and board members. It is through our employees’ steadfast dedication in the community that Mesirow Financial is able to make an impact far and wide.

Through Mesirow Financial’s Dollars for Doers program, employees are rewarded for their time in the community with monetary donations toward their favorite nonprofits:

**Partnerships**

Our network of business associates, including clients, touch nonprofit community-based organizations at home and internationally. We expand our web of impact by partnering to show an aligned value system and team approach to solving various communities’ biggest problems.

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Nearly 3,800 volunteer hours were provided in Brighton Park, valued at $98,000, which included mentoring, school beautification and youth summer activities.

More than 50 employees and middle school students connected through Mesirow’s Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Through homework assistance, games and discussions, 100% of mentees reported that their mentor helped them with problem solving, stress management and emotional support.

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- 500 meals packaged for children in need through Blessings in a Backpack
- 360 students walked into a beautified school served by the Chicago Cares Serve-a-Thon
- 176 books donated to Bernie’s Book Bank which provides children their own books
- 123 students prepared for a successful school year through Cradles to Crayons
- 80 items collected for decorating the Ronald McDonald House of Chicago
- 44 pints of blood donated in an American Red Cross blood drive
- 75 animals cared for and living spaces cleaned at PAWS
- 30 first-generation college students received career guidance at Chicago Scholars
- 80 students enrolled in the Mesirow Financial Youth Services program
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Employees also contribute to The Heart of Mesirow Financial Fund, a resource from which employees can request grants in times of personal or family hardships.

Employees donate an average of $660 per month to a wide variety of employee-designated charities for our monthly Jeans Days.

Employees may choose paycheck deductions that support of a diverse selection of charities. Gifts range from $10 to $50 per month.

The Heart of Mesirow Financial Fund

Since 2013, more than 6,000 volunteer hours have been logged and $15,000 in associated donations distributed.

Chicago Charity Challenge recognized Mesirow employee commitment in 2016 and 2017 by awarding a monetary grant to the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council.

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