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Giving Back to the Community One Organization at a Time

LOS ANGELES, California – January 29, 2007 – Nearly 18 percent of Los Angeles County residents are below the poverty level. Eighty-eight thousand people sleep on the streets of Los Angeles. To help address these and other needs of the unfortunate living in the “City of Angels”, Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated, a Century City-based law firm, is actively involved in giving back to the community. Be it pro bono legal services, donations or sitting on the board of organizations, partners and associates of Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated are engaged at all philanthropic levels.

Throughout the year Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated assists Bet Tzedek, one of the nation’s premier legal services organizations, in its role of providing free assistance to more than 10,000 people of every racial and religious background in the Los Angeles area. The firm accomplishes this through complimentary legal counsel and financial donations. Two of the firm’s partners, Geoffrey Gold and Frank Melton, serve on the Board of Directors. This month, partners of the firm contributed and will attend the 19th Annual Dinner Gala at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel. All net proceeds from this event support Bet Tzedek’s program of free legal services to the poor, elderly and disabled in Los Angeles County.

“The need for free legal advice is widespread for many individuals living in the Los Angeles area,” said Frank Melton, partner with Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated. “Donating our time to Bet Tzedek, and seeing the impact we can make on the lives of so many in need, is part of our obligation as lawyers to give back to our community in a serious way.”

While some members donate time and money to organizations close to their hearts, such as Bet Tzedek; others follow their passions and reach for the stars at Hollywood Arts.

Andrew Apfelberg, partner at Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated, plays a lead role for Hollywood Arts, where he serves on its Board of Directors. The organization is dedicated to reaching at-risk and homeless teenagers and giving them an opportunity to better themselves and their lives. Through its dedication to the cause and fundraising efforts, Hollywood Arts provides artistic training and a chance for youth to develop in a positive direction. This enables teens to improve their self-esteem and heal trauma; create a new community of supportive friends and mentors; and learn critical life and job-readiness skills to transition them off the streets and into jobs in the creative industries.

Hollywood Arts will host the Dream Awards dinner reception and auction honoring Tommy Tallarico, a video game industry icon, on February 17th at Raleigh Studios.

“There is something about the arts – video games, music, acting, etc. – that motivate at-risk and homeless teenagers to aspire to achieve greatness,” said Apfelberg. “Witnessing their successes is both inspiring and fulfilling.”

Additionally, Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated, along with White & Co., held a Poker Night to benefit Hollywood Arts. The firm will do so this year as well.

Firm wide, Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated is dedicated to Big Sunday, an annual city-wide volunteer day, done in partnership with the office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa. On April 28th and 29th, firm members will join forces with thousands of volunteers to benefit more than 200 non-profits.

“Reaching out to the community is an integral part of our law firm,” said Brian L. Davidoff, Managing Director of Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated. “As a firm, we give financial assistance to several organizations and we also encourage firm members to actively personally participate in charitable events.”

Other organizations Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated reaches out to include the American Heart Association, Buyamba Orphan Outreach, Childshare, Food on Foot, Hurdle Jumpers, LA Master Chorale, National Association for Autism Research, National Wildlife Federation, One Voice, Project Angel Food and more!

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