

HATS OFF!

Good for you...

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...to Merrill Lynch employees who donated 35 gift baskets to victims' families. Huge, heavy baskets, each uniquely and beautifully cellophane-wrapped, stuffed to overflowing with a wide variety of thoughtfully chosen food items, small gifts, decorations, fruit in a stocking – so many wonderful gifts.

For years Merrill Lynch employees have helped local charities with gracious donations. "When I heard about the Justice Coalition needing 35 gift baskets for the families of crime victims, I knew we could help," says Susan Dreier, Employee Services Coordinator at Merrill Lynch. Part of her job is coordinating year-round fundraising efforts to benefit a variety of local charities.

"Within two hours of sending out an e-mail asking for teams and individuals to put together gift baskets, I had more than ten teams signed up. Our employees are always ready to give for a good cause, and this one is especially important because the families of crime victims usually fall through the cracks and their hardship is easily forgotten."

Besides the Justice Coalition, Merrill Lynch employees brightened the holiday season with their donations for residents of Hubbard House and special need students at First Coast High School.

...to the Paxon School of Advanced Studies Outdoor Club which delivered 19 fruit baskets to our office for distribution to victims. Christopher and Jeremy Thurn (sons of JSO K-9 Officer J. J. Thurn) and their friends in the Club, working in conjunction with the generous folks from Pittman Produce (who donated all the fruit), provided bananas, apples, oranges, candy and other delectable items – wonderful (and much-appreciated) contributions to our victims' families.

...to Blue Cross Blue Shield employees in the Northeast Region Care Management Department who bought clothing and gifts for one of our victim's young children. The single mother recently lost her job, so these gifts meant a lot to her family. Angela Morton, Karla Logston, Susan Graham and Gale Fitzpatrick said much how they enjoyed shopping for these young kids and are pleased they could help brighten their Christmas.



Merrill Lynch employees Regina Keene, Mervyn Charles and Susan Dreier (l.to r.) deliver gift baskets for victims.



...to Sarah Graves and Connie Heffern, two wonderful ladies who volunteer their time, influence and expertise for Justice Coalition activities throughout the year, who brought gifts, clothing and many other much-needed items for some of our victims' families – and to Cindy and Bobby Graves who donated a TV set for four children being raised by their great-grandmother after their mother was murdered.

Our hats are off to all these generous folks who have made a big difference in the lives of so many families this Christmas season.

AREA RESOURCE GUIDE

(Services listed are provided free of charge, or have income-based scheduling)

Homicide Support/Advocacy

Compassionate Families
354-0007, 721-3326
Life Is Valuable
908-0989
Parents of Murdered Children
262-0866, 713-9683
Victim Services Center
630-6300
Jax. Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate
630-1764

Abuse (Domestic)

24 Hour Hotline
1-800-500-1119
Hubbard House
Emergency Shelter & Counseling
354-3114
Quigley House (Clay County)
1-800-339-5017

Compensation (victim)

Victim Services
630-6300
MADD Victim Services
388-0664

Consumer Fraud

State Attorney's Office
630-4994

City of Jacksonville

Consumer Affairs Division
630-3467

Detoxification

Gateway Community Services
387-4661

Family

Family Nurturing Center of Florida
389-4244

Legal Assistance

Legal Aid
356-8371

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

(MADD)
388-2455

Rape

Sexual Assault
Response Center
244-RAPE (244-7273)
Office
244-4600

RAPE Recovery Team

722-3000

State Attorney's Office

630-2400

Trauma Counseling

Women's Center of Jacksonville
722-3000
City Victim Services
630-6300

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766-3040

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