



Greetings from the Paralegal Division of the Utah State Bar!

by Carma Harper

This past year, the Paralegal Division participated in several activities. We started off a little bit early by doing a clothing drive in November/December and donating the items to the Homeless Shelter and other facilities needing assistance. Then a week later, a few of us got together and made over fifty fleece hats, and with some of the money donations we collected, we were also able to buy over fifty pairs of gloves to donate along with the hats. We will be doing this again in October if anyone would like to volunteer.

In March, we participated in the Wills for Heroes event in St. George at the Annual Spring Convention. If you have never participated in an event as a lawyer, witness, or notary, I strongly recommend that you do this at least once. You do not have to have any expertise in estate planning. You will be trained on what you need to do, and a computer program will walk you through the whole process. We also have an estate planning attorney available to answer any questions that you might have. April, May, and June found us participating in more Wills for Heroes events. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the last couple of years. Without the many volunteers, this program would not be such a success. There are hundreds of first responders and their spouses who have had the opportunity to have their wills, durable powers of attorney, and health care directives completed. What a comfort this must be for their families.

In April we helped to collect toys, assisting the Young Lawyers Division that was collecting new and gently-used toys to be donated to facilities that house children in the legal system who are waiting to be placed in foster homes. Please consider donating or assisting, as we will be assisting them again. If you end up cleaning out toy boxes prior to Christmas, we will be happy to take any new or gently used toys. Please contact

me at charper@strongandhanni.com, Danielle Price at dprice@strongandhanni.com, or any other member of the Paralegal Division Board.

In July, we were busy assisting the Young Lawyers Division with the carnival they sponsor every year at the Annual Convention in Sun Valley, Idaho. This is a fun event to participate in if you have not done so. There are lots of excited kids. It's great!!!

Throughout the year, we have been collecting used printer cartridges. We then recycle them and the money is donated to several elementary schools throughout the area to assist them with their yearly school supplies and activities. We accept all used printer cartridges from anyone who would like to participate. The more we collect, the more schools we can add to our donation list. Donate a used printer cartridge and help a child. Please contact Danielle Price to donate.

We plan on some fun new community service projects this year and would love to have as many volunteers and ideas as possible. Please contact Danielle Price, our new Community Service Chair, or me if you are interested in assisting the community.

Please always remember to "Pay it Forward!"

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