Small Firm Winner
tonneson + Co

Number of organizations impacted – 11
Total hours volunteered - 560

Tonneson + co has a strong commitment of giving back to our community and helping people in need. Social responsibility has been a very important aspect of who we are since the founding of our firm in 1975. We have long-standing relationships with many charitable organizations, including Catie’s Closet, Merrimack Valley Food Bank, and Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry, just to name a few. Tonneson + co backs up our commitment to our community with a steady stream of charitable works and events that we participate in throughout the year.

Here are a few examples from 2018:

Catie’s Closet - Tonneson + co works in close partnership with Catie’s Closet, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Dracut, MA that provides basic necessities to students in need. This organization sets up “closets” in Greater Boston-area schools that give students living in poverty the ability to discreetly pick and choose the clothing and basic necessities they need and are proud to wear. By meeting students’ needs, Catie’s Closet boosts self-esteem and motivates students to attend school and focus on their education.

In August 2018, tonneson + co staff participated in a “Fill the Bus” event for Catie’s Closet. Tonneson employees brought in their own donations to fill an entire school bus with clothing, toiletries, and other essential items for back-to-school. In December 2018, for the third year in a row, tonneson + co employees organized a Target gift card drive for the holidays. We purchased 200 Target gift cards, totaling $5,000, for Catie’s Closet; the gift cards were distributed to local students and families in need so that they could purchase necessities over the 11-day school break.

Appalachian Mountain Club - Each year, our employees participate in the Massachusetts Society of CPAs Day of Service. Our employees choose a cause that is important to us, and we take time out of the office to focus on giving back to others. In July 2018, 25 of our employees volunteered for the day with Appalachian Mountain Club. We assisted with trail clean-up in Concord, Mass. It was hard work, and we definitely got our hands dirty, but all for an excellent cause.

Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry - In July 2018, for the sixth year in a row, tonneson + co ran and organized a 5k in Wakefield, Mass. We raised more than $5,700 which we donated to the Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry to benefit the Kids First Program, providing food to families with school-aged children in need during the summer months. The 5k also helps to create awareness in the local community for the Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry.

Boston Children’s Hospital – Also in July 2018, 15 tonneson + co staff participated in the Boston Children’s Hospital Corporate Cup event in Danvers, Mass. to raise money for Boston Children’s Hospital. We participated in a full-day of obstacles, relay races, and other team-building events to support Boston
Children’s Hospital. Our employees also participated in individual fundraising, collecting over $2,300 for Boston Children’s Hospital research and treatment.

**Local Soup Kitchens** – In December 2018, 25 tonneson + co staff volunteered to prepare and serve meals at two local soup kitchens, My Brother’s Table in Lynn, Mass. and Haven from Hunger in Peabody, Mass. This meaningful activity not only delivered hot meals to hundreds of individuals in need, but also brought our team closer together.

**Marine Corps Toys for Tots** – In December 2018, tonneson + co employees collected and donated hundreds of toys to support Toys for Tots and make the holiday season a little brighter for kids in need.

Tonneson + co also frequently sponsors events for nonprofits and charities to support their fundraising efforts. Some of the organizations that we supported with event sponsorships in 2018 include: Catie’s Closet, Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Rodman Celebration for Kids, Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston and the Wenham Museum. Our employees also attend many of these events to show their support and to make their own individual contributions to the important missions of these organizations.

Social responsibility is an important part of tonneson + co’s firm culture. We are dedicated to giving back and supporting those in need, not just financially but also with our time and hours of service. In 2018, our employees completed more than 560 hours of volunteer work and community service. We have created a culture where giving back is encouraged and appreciated. We frequently share photos and videos to our social media channels and through internal emails to acknowledge and recognize our employees for the time they spend on charitable works.

To see our volunteers in action, please check out the links below to watch video clips of many of the volunteer initiatives that we completed in 2018:

- Appalachian Mountain Club Day of Service https://youtu.be/bTED_qLYfIg
- Catie’s Closet “Fill the Bus” Event https://youtu.be/eulCO0GWkNo
- BCH Corporate Cup https://youtu.be/1nGcJvhOnxM
- Annual 5k to Support Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry: https://youtu.be/OOFUhoOoza2Y