

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell Receives Philanthropy Award

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DENVER: Civil-litigation law firm Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell is proud to announce it has received the *Denver Business Journal's* Partners in Philanthropy award. WTO received first-place recognition in the medium-sized company category for the good work the firm does in the community through its charitable foundation.

"I don't think you can be a first-rate institution without looking out for your community, too," says WTO Chairman Mike O'Donnell who encouraged the firm to establish a nonprofit foundation. Since it was incorporated in 2005, the WTO Foundation has donated over half a million dollars to more than 50 charities.

WTO members and their family and friends also regularly volunteer in the Denver community. Besides supporting its lawyers in their *pro bono* legal efforts, the firm encourages its employees to help people with their time and talents. In 2009, WTO volunteers cooked and served over 100 hot breakfasts almost monthly at The Gathering Place, Denver's only day-time shelter for homeless and impoverished women and children. They also held a holiday gift drive and wrapped presents at TGP's holiday party, collected food for the Food Bank of the Rockies, and walked as a team in the Denver

Dumb Friends' League and Komen Race for the Cure fundraisers.

In 2009, 87 percent of WTO's 130 personnel participated as donors or volunteers in WTO Foundation activities.

The DBJ Partners in Philanthropy award was presented at an awards luncheon in Denver on April 22nd. O'Donnell says, "Receiving this award will inspire us to double our philanthropic efforts. We hope it also serves as an example to other companies to continue and expand their charitable efforts for the good of our community."

See the full story from the *Denver Business Journal* [here](#).