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# Community

Community involvement is central to BPM's mission. Since its formation, the firm's people-centric focus and dedication to service have applied not only to clients and employees, but to individuals and families who make up the communities in which we live and do business.

## **BPM Book Drive**

During the month of May, we are collecting books at our BPM offices to benefit the schools we have partnered with for more than 20 years. [Click here for more information.](#)

## **BPM Day**

Every year our offices close for a day so that our employees can join together in teams for the community service event known as BPM Day. Projects encompass a broad selection of philanthropic activity from restoring local wildlife habitat, to building sets for a community theater, to painting and cleaning a homeless shelter. Over time, the firm has contributed more than 100,000 hours of volunteer labor to over 75 nonprofits through BPM Days.

## **Annual Fundraiser**

BPM celebrates local nonprofits by hosting a pregame party followed by watching a San Francisco Giants baseball game. All proceeds collected benefit a different charitable organization each year. Over the past two decades, we've raised more than \$260,000 for San Francisco Bay Area nonprofits, while providing a fun social occasion for employees, clients and family members.

## **School Partnerships**

For more than 20 years, BPM has adopted four local elementary schools where staff members read to students, partner with student pen pals, judge essay contests, and make presentations at school assemblies. Each year, BPM holds an annual Thanksgiving Card Art Contest, in which BPM staff members help choose the design for its holiday cards through an art contest at the adopted schools. Budding artists get recognition for their work, while the schools win art supplies for their classrooms.

## **Board and Professional Service**

Free education programs for nonprofits and Community Liaisons in each office that monitor the needs of their surrounding communities are just a few examples of the ongoing service ethic that is part of daily life at BPM. The firm's partners and managers currently serve on more than 80 boards of nonprofit, business and community organizations. BPM partners are active leaders in professional organizations including the California Society of CPAs, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and BayBio.

## **Annual Junior Achievement Bowl-a-Thon**

The Junior Achievement Bowl-a-Thon is just one of the many ways BPM contributes to causes that make our community a better place. [Click here to learn more about Junior Achievement Bowl-a-Thon.](#)

## **BPM Employees Raise Funds for Nepal Relief**

On April 25th at 11:56 am NST a 7.8 magnitude earthquake shook Nepal near its capital Katmandu, flattening entire communities and triggering an avalanche on Mount Everest. It was the most powerful disaster to strike Nepal since the 1934 Nepal-Bihar earthquake. More than 8,800 people were announced dead, with casualties reported in Nepal and adjoining areas of India, China and Bangladesh. Countless families lost everything – loved ones, their homes and their livelihoods.