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Lawyers partner with local charity to give Thanksgiving meals to 600 Boston-area families

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) joined Boston philanthropists Jake and Sparky Kennedy, founders of Christmas in the City (CITC), to help create a happier Thanksgiving for 600 families in need at CITC’s Annual Turkey Drive.

Nearly 40 MBA volunteers — officers, members, staff and their families — pitched in between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Kennedy Brothers Physical Therapy near Downtown Crossing, providing turkeys and other Thanksgiving food staples.

“Christmas in the City is an all-volunteer organization that helps thousands of families in need each year through its programs, and we are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to lend a hand during this year’s Turkey Drive,” said MBA President Douglas K. Sheff. “Whether through pro bono legal assistance or community service, volunteerism is built into our association’s DNA. This was natural fit for our attorney members.”

CITC Co-founder Jake Kennedy said: “Sparky and I are very pleased each time we’re able to add new volunteers, because it means we’re able to increase our services to these courageous and deserving families. We look forward to a great partnership with the MBA.”

Attached photo: Massachusetts Bar Association President Douglas K. Sheff (right) assembles a Thanksgiving food basket for one of the families at Christmas in the City’s Annual Turkey Drive, along with CITC Co-founder Sparky Kennedy (in costume) and CITC volunteer Diane Carter (left).

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