

Community

At Gfeller Laurie LLP, we are deeply committed to the communities in which we live and work. We connect to the community through the pro bono legal services we provide to persons of limited means, the community service activities we undertake to build and strengthen the community, and the financial support we provide to charitable and cultural organizations.

We currently serve the community individually through the following organizations:

- Bridge Family Center
- St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center
- St. Francis Foundation
- Junior League of Greater Hartford
- Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Hartford
- University of Connecticut Health Center
- The Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma
- Pet Rescue of Mercer
- Foodshare
- The Mitchell House

Additionally, we recently launched our community impact project, **Defending Against Hunger**, which is aimed at reducing hunger and providing children with increased education about and access to healthy foods. We support the great works of FoodShare, Foodcorps, as well as other local nonprofits addressing food insecurity.

Here are other examples of our community involvement:

Habitat for Humanity Women Build

On May 16, 2019 a team of our staff and attorney “builders” participated in the annual Hartford Habitat for Humanity “Women Build” event. This is the second year of the firm’s participation in the event. The mission of Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build program is to recruit, educate and nurture women to build and advocate for

simple, decent and affordable houses in their communities. Men are also welcomed as team members. Each team of twelve members raises funds for Hartford Habitat initiatives and then spends one full day building on the site of future Habitat homes. This year our builders, working with Habitat volunteer crew supervisors, helped with framing, drywalling, painting and flooring at the four homes going up in Hartford's north end. We feel fortunate to be a part of such an awesome annual event in our community and look forward to the dedication and key ceremony for these homes in the fall of this year.

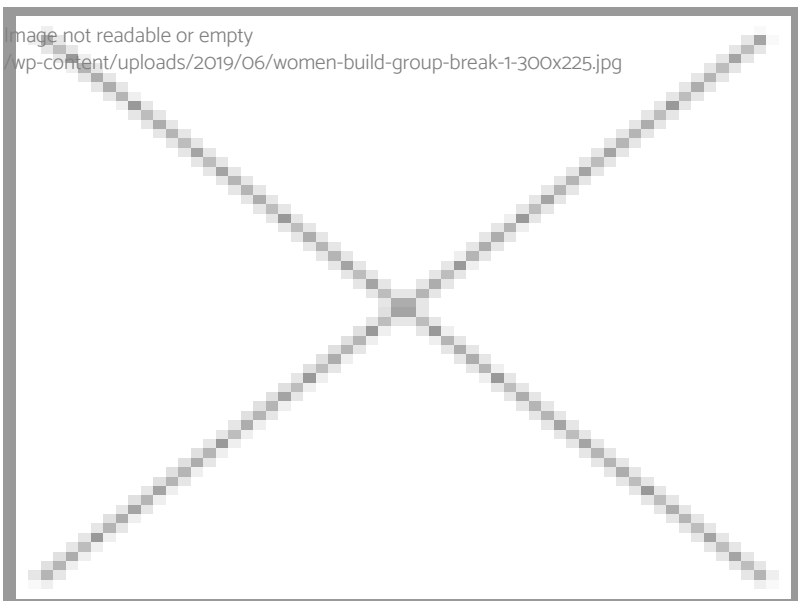
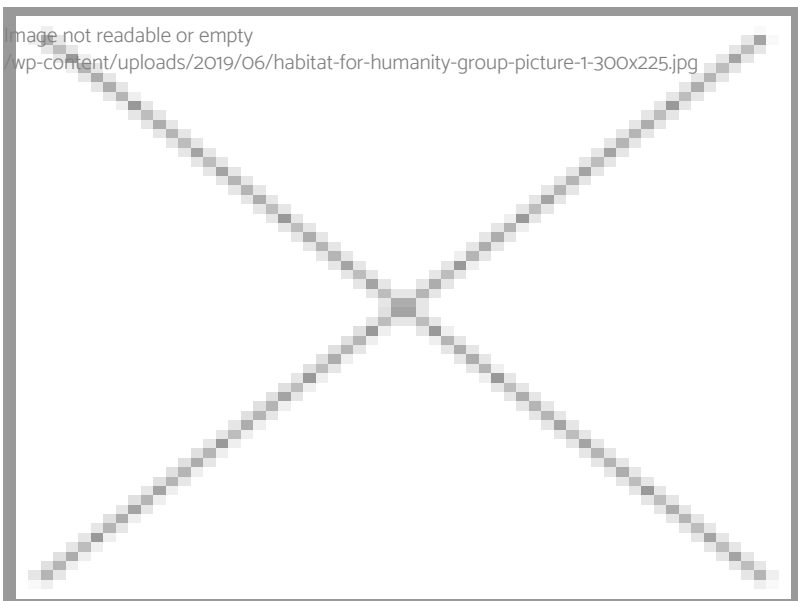
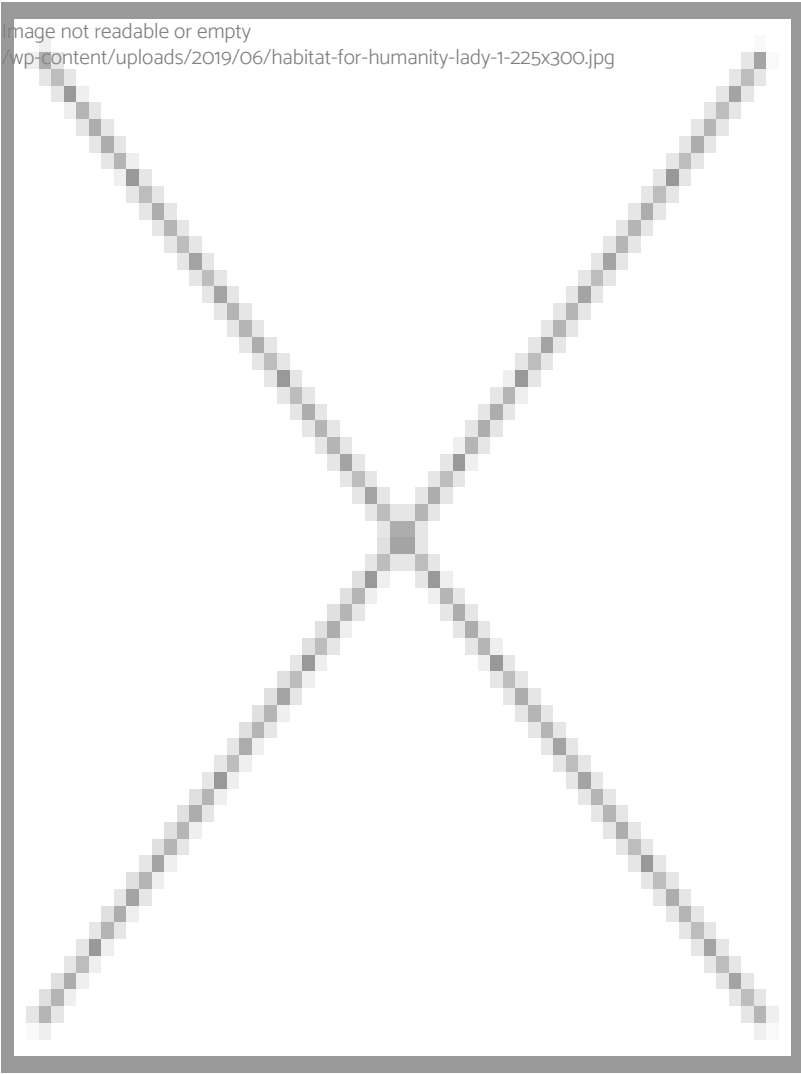


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Mitchell House Food Drive 2018

Following tradition, our West Hartford Office participated in the Mitchell House Food Drive, donating non-perishable food items and organizing bags to distribute to hungry families in need this Thanksgiving.

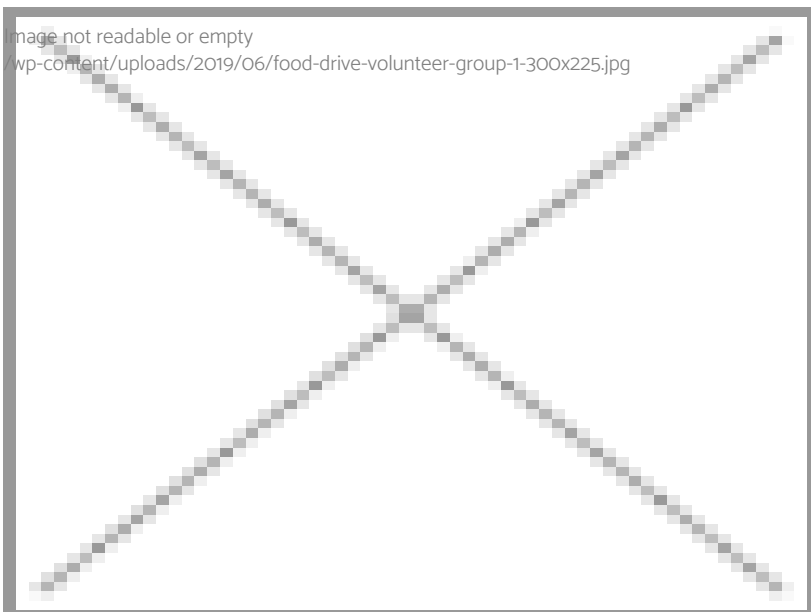
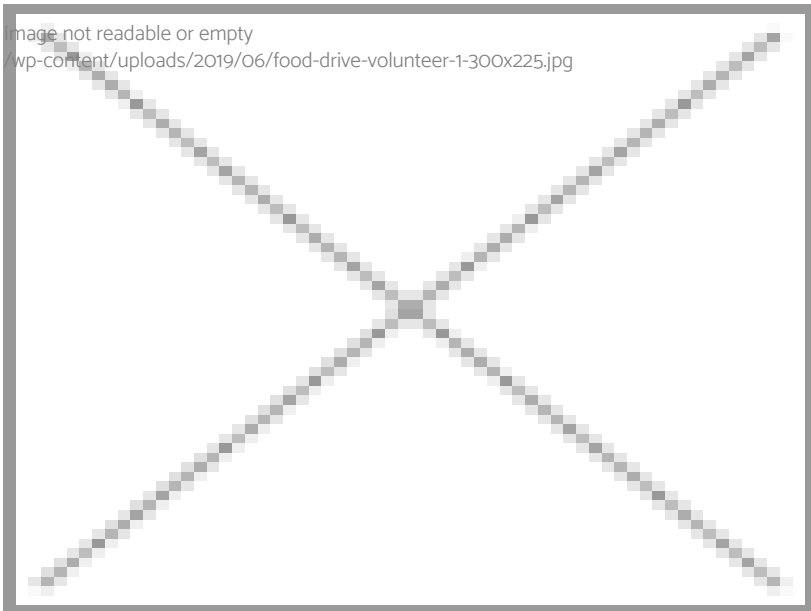


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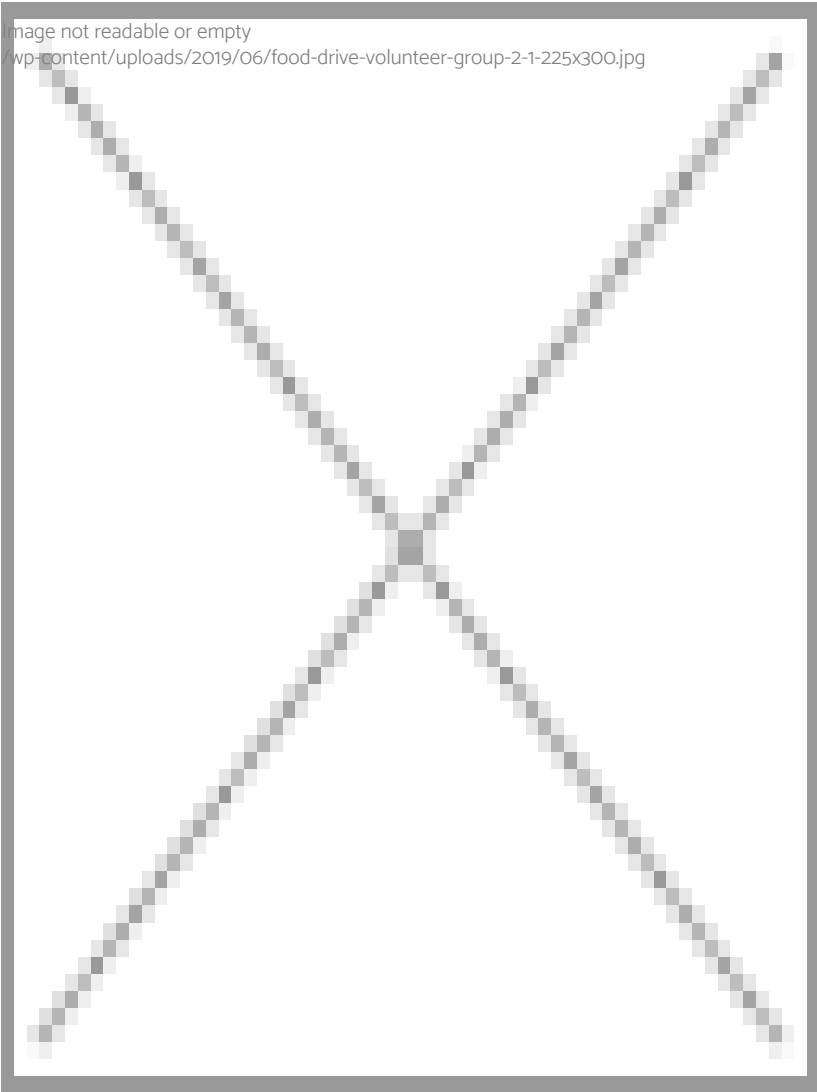
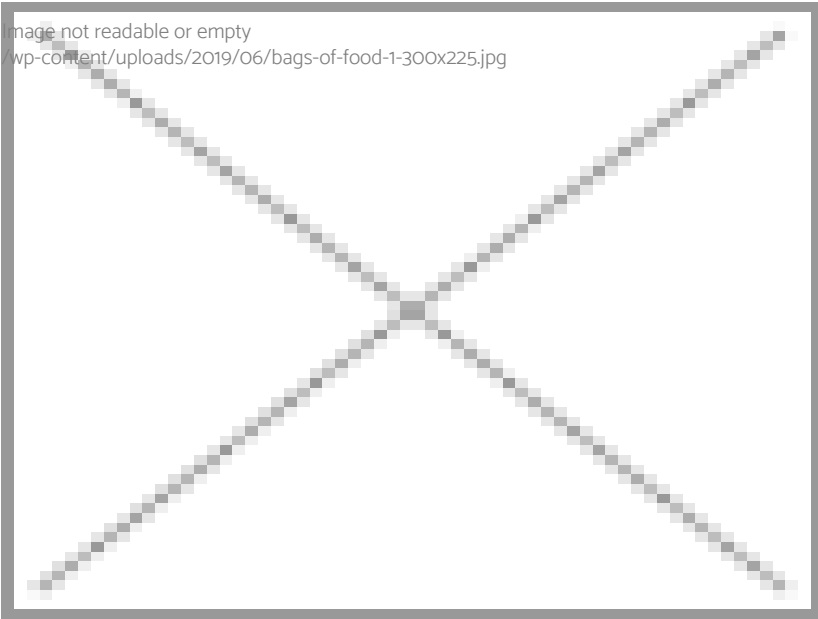


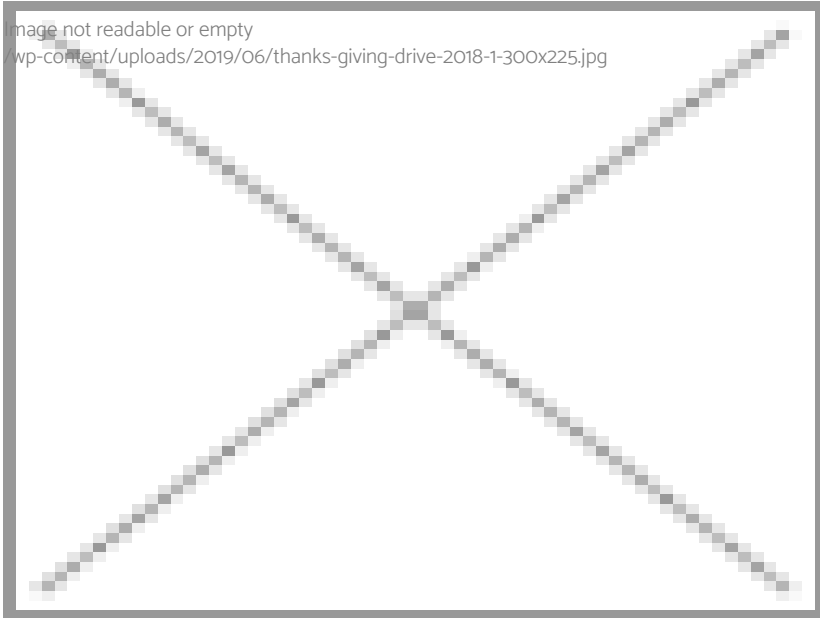
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Homefront Thanksgiving Drive 2018

Once again, our Princeton, New Jersey office supported the vulnerable families in our local community. We were

able to contribute approximately three times the number of food baskets as we did in 2017! Our goal was to make sure that every family had the opportunity to experience the joy of having a home-cooked meal on Thanksgiving Day.



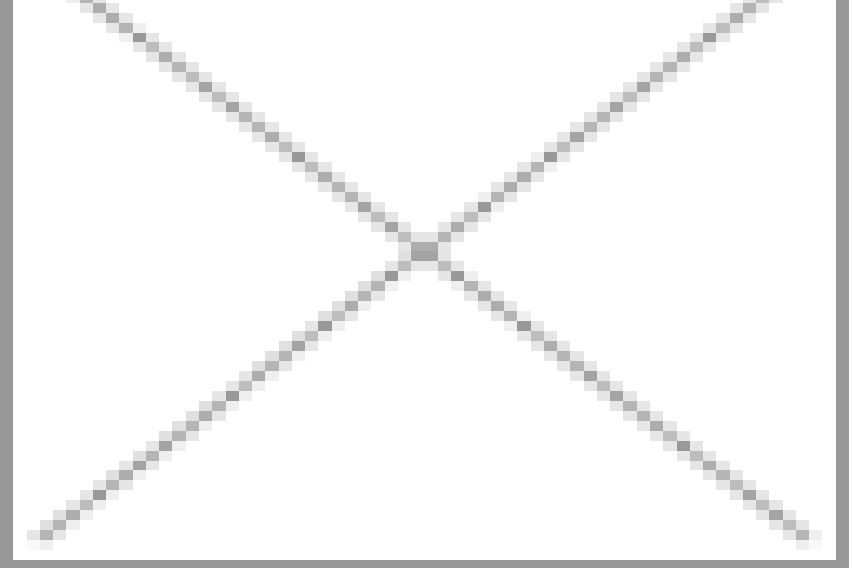
Junior League of Hartford Volunteer-A-Thon 2018

Olivia Tawa participated in the Junior League of Hartford (“JLH”) Volunteer-A-Thon, working with JLH’s community partner, the United Labor Agency – Labor of Love Backpack Program. JLH volunteers helped pack one month’s worth of weekend food for the Labor of Love Backpack Program. The backpacks were packed with child-friendly, non-perishable foods for the weekend. The backpacks contained enough food to feed a child for the weekend and included food for at least one family meal. JLH also donated books from Barnes & Noble to the program to include in the backpacks for the children each week.



The Volunteer-A-Thon is a mission-based fundraiser where JLH members volunteered with a variety of local nonprofit organizations throughout Greater Hartford for 26.2 continuous hours on Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th.

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Children's Home Society Toy Drive 2017

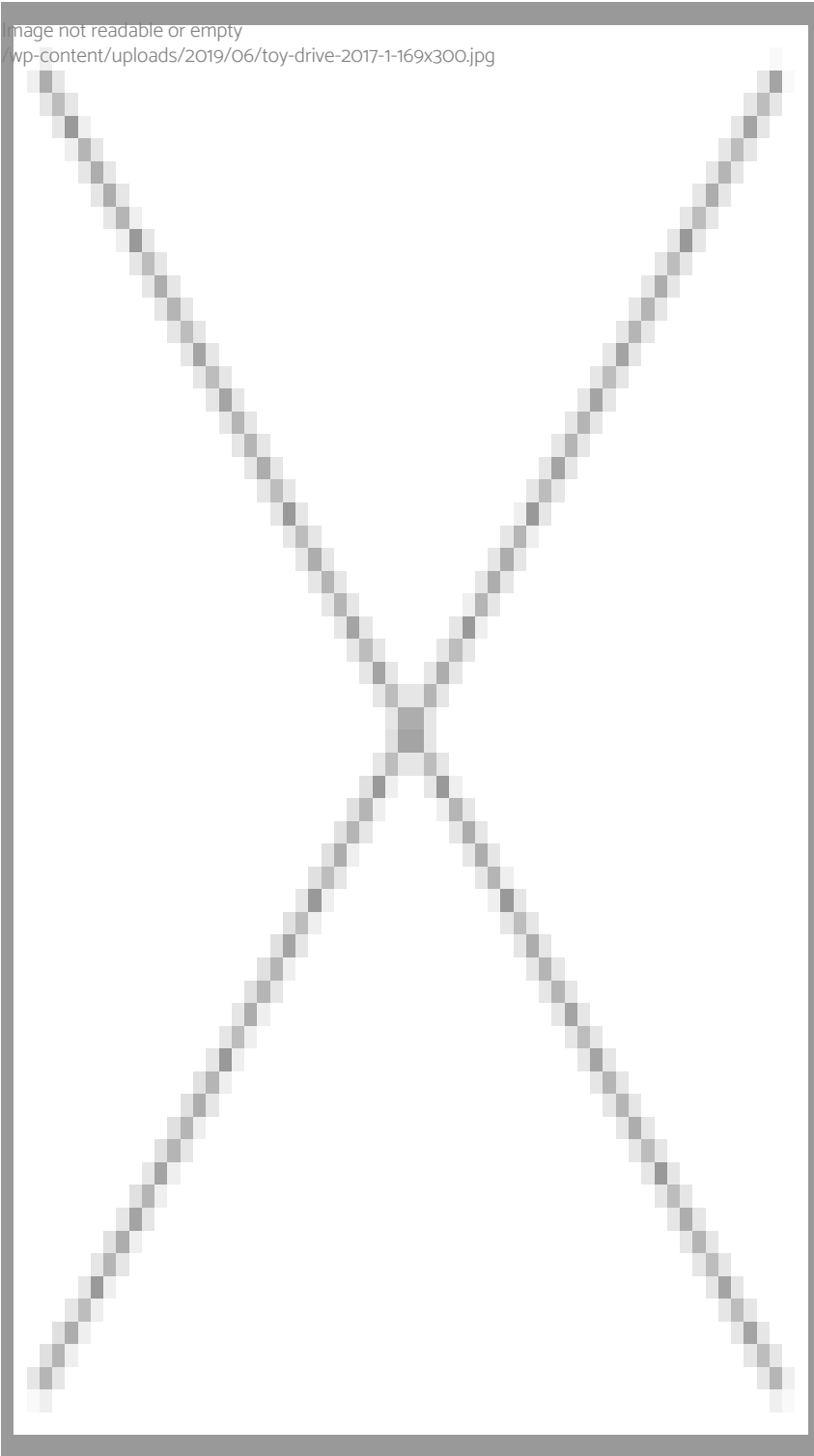
Our Princeton, New Jersey office participated in the Children's Home Society Toy Drive, donating presents to



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bring joy this Christmas to at-risk children in need.

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Homefront Thanksgiving Drive 2017

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For more information please visit: <https://www.homefrontnj.org/>

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Foodshare's Walk For Hunger

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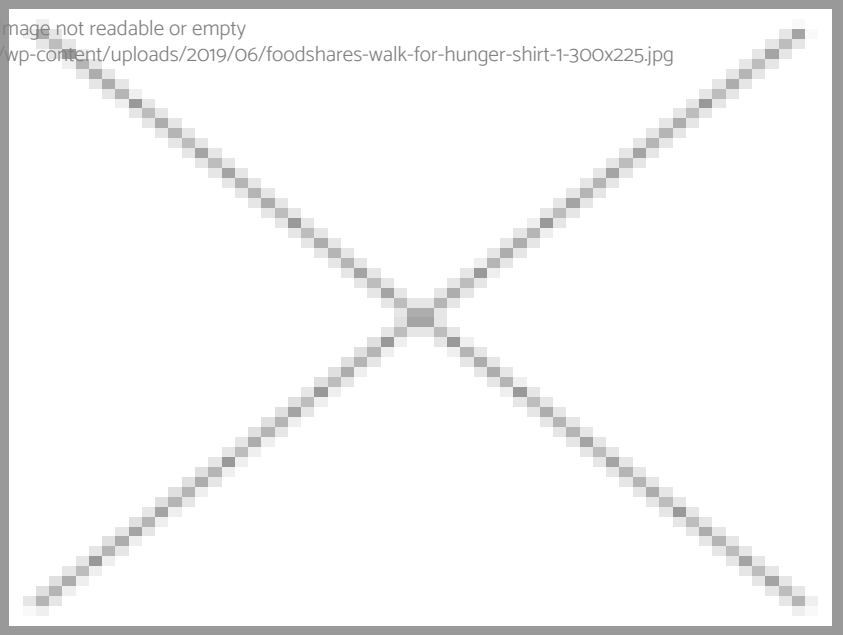


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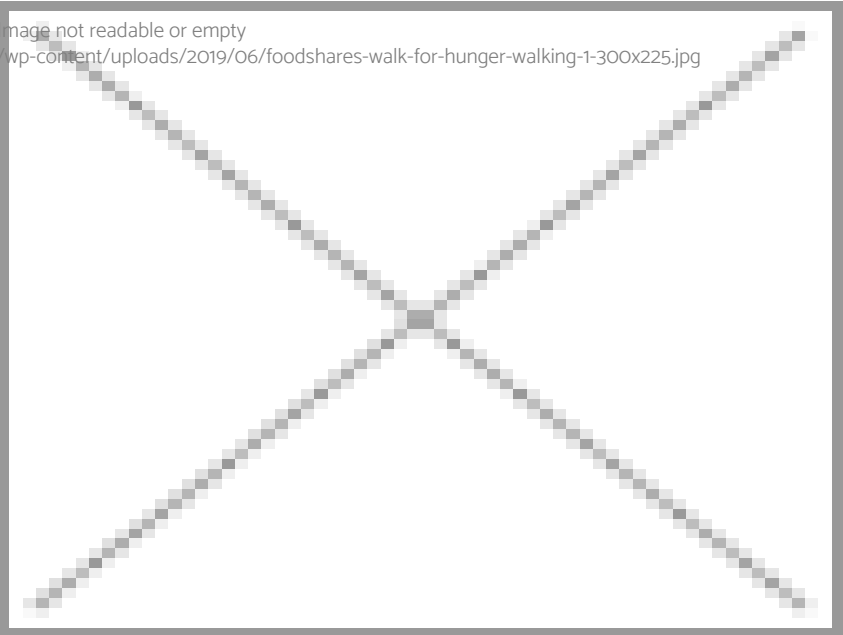


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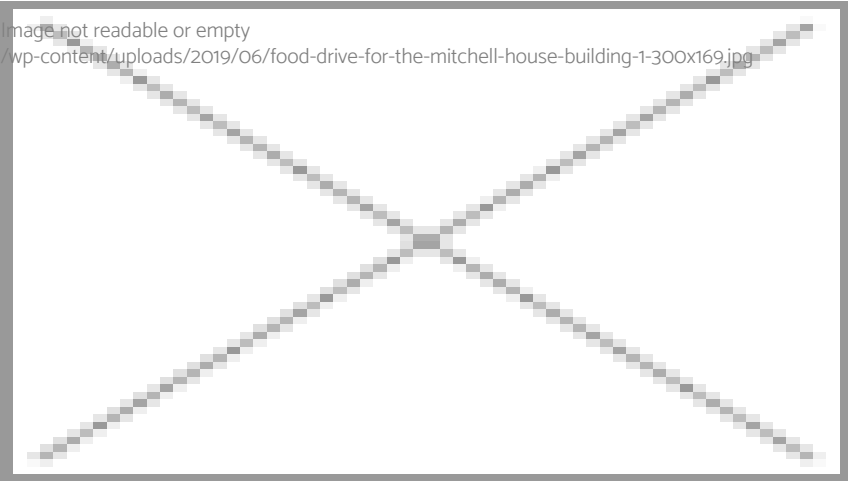
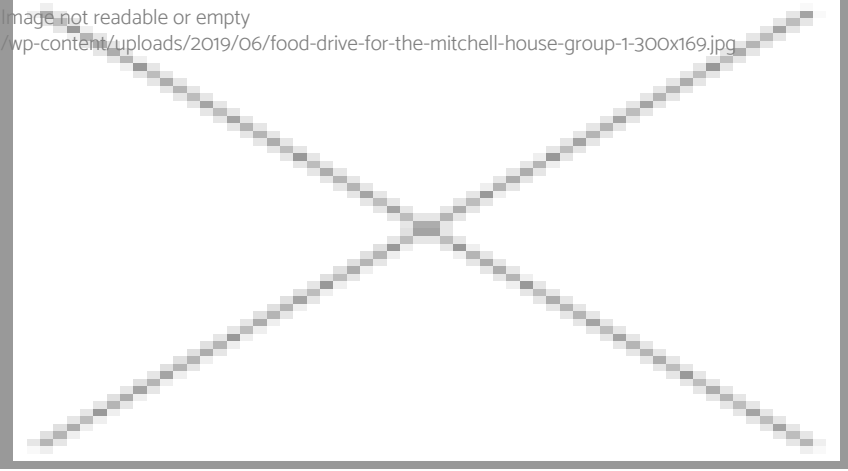
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Food Drive for The Mitchell House

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**In the past, our community service projects have also supported:
Habitat for Humanity and the Wounded Warrior Project.**

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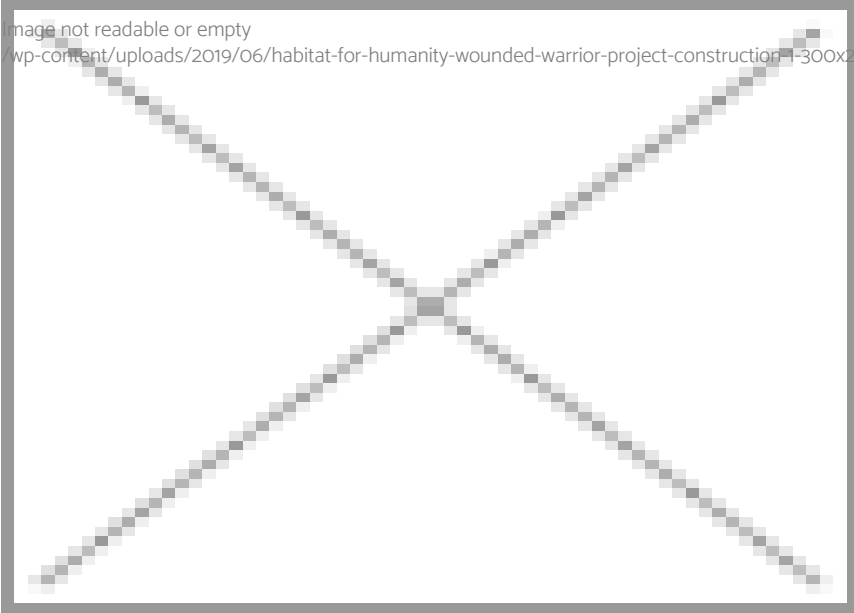


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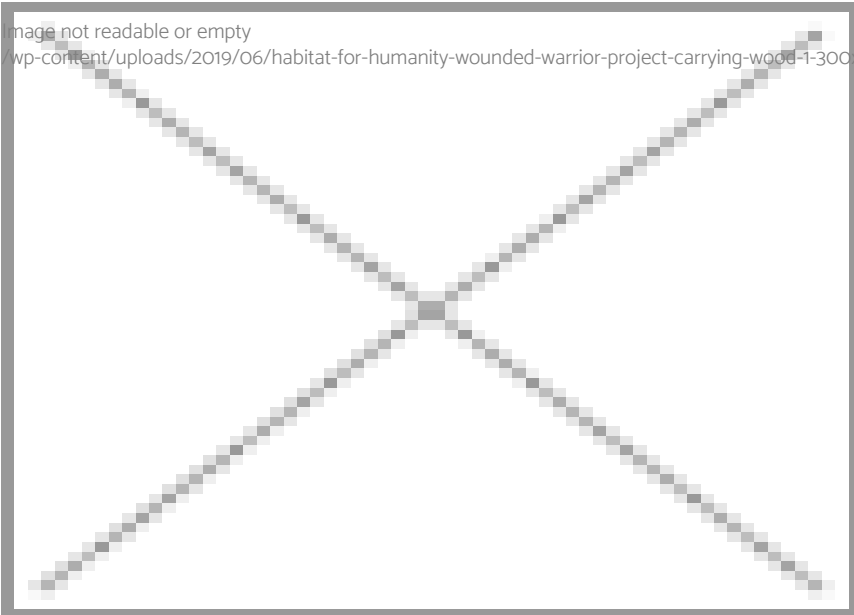


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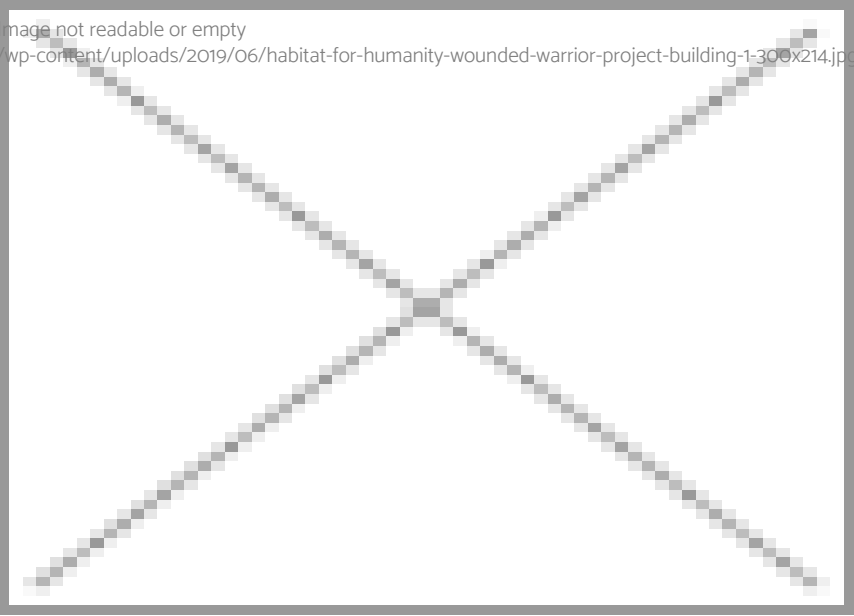


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