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Making All The Difference: LGT Young Professionals Volunteer Week

August 1, 2011 will mark the start of the Leading Edge Alliance (LEA) Young Professionals Group's first ever Global Volunteer Week and Lane Gorman Trubitt's (LGT) own Young Professionals will be there.

LEA YP's Volunteer Week is the first of its kind. Young professionals from LEA member firms all over the world will be choosing to donate of their time and money to benefit local charities close to their hearts. The participation varies wildly from firm to firm, some will be donating to homeless or animal shelters, while others will be volunteering for habitat for humanity or cleaning up their local parks. The one thing they will all have in common is that young professionals from all over the globe will be working to make the world a better place.

Adam Prest, chair of the LEA YP Steering Committee had this to say, "This is a global effort, to our knowledge, no other CPA network or alliance has hosted a worldwide volunteer effort. LEA firms believe in the spirit of excellence, and this seemed like a great way to demonstrate that belief in a tangible way."

LGT's YP group is no exception. "For more than 60 years LGT has been a part of the Dallas community," explained Erica Ratliff, chair of the LGT YP group steering committee. "This is our city. This is our home, and it's important that we all give back."

As a part of LEA's Volunteer Week, LGT's YP group will focus all donations and contributions to benefit the North Texas Food Bank where key members of the LGT YP group volunteer regularly. The Food Bank, a long-time favorite charity of the firm, is a non-profit hunger relief organization that distributes donated, purchased and prepared food items through a network of 1,146 feeding programs covering 13 North Texas counties. Just last year, the North Texas Food Bank served more than 53,000 families on a monthly basis and provided access to more than 37 million meals making it a priority for LGT's young professionals.

To kick off the volunteer week, LGT's YP group will be hosting a Jeans for Charity day. On Friday, July 29th all LGT professionals will be allowed to wear jeans to work for a minimum donation of \$5 which will be gifted to the North Texas Food Bank helping to continue their mission. In addition, LGT's YP group will be organizing a Food Drive that will run from August 1 – September 2nd benefiting the North Texas Food Bank. Their goal is for total contributions to exceed last year's total of 9,930 items donated.

“Hunger is a real problem, and not just for our city. It's a problem for the whole world.” Erica said, “LGT is dedicated to continuing our company-wide support of this vital organization.”

Monetary and food donations for the LGT YP Group's Food Drive benefiting the North Texas Food Bank are welcome from August 1st – September 2nd and can be made at LGT's offices in Uptown Dallas.

Donations can be made Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.

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Together, young professionals from LGT and LEA are working to make a difference.