



# Outstanding Philanthropic Business



The Providence-based accounting and business consulting firm of Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo (LGC&D) has shown an extraordinary commitment to the Rhode Island community through service to local non-profit organizations.

LGC&D has had a long tradition of supporting Leadership Rhode Island (LRI). Since 1982, 7 employees of LGC&D have completed LRI's year-long Core Program, which exposes business and community leaders to critical issues facing the state and encourages them to get involved.

Upon completion of the program, the firm encourages its LRI graduates to continue their commitment to the community by serving on the board of local non-profits and becoming involved in local community or civic initiatives.

Beyond its support of LRI, LGC&D has a long history of employee involvement in philanthropic efforts. The firm's senior management have led by example, becoming involved in local and regional community and charitable boards, with many serving in leadership capacities. This example has not been lost on the firm's staff as individuals throughout the firm have involved themselves in community and civic activities.

The array of organizations benefiting from LGC&D's volunteerism and financial support is extremely broad, including:

- For the past 21 years, the employees of LGC&D have spent the morning of Thanksgiving eve helping St. Michael's Church prepare for its holiday meal to the homeless of Providence.
- Last year, LGC&D raised over \$6,000 for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, earning them the "Pace Maker" status.
- Each year, the firm participates in the Go Red campaign for women's heart health.
- On a bi-annual basis, the firm contributes to the RI Community Food Bank and adopts local families during the holiday season.
- Over the years, employees have volunteered to answer phones and collect donations for Meeting Street School's telethon.

The firm clearly cares about its community and takes the time to get involved. Its employees believe in making children's lives better, improving the economic climate and investing in tomorrow's leaders. That is why they have been so closely involved with Leadership Rhode Island, St. Michael's Church, the YMCA of Greater Providence, Meeting Street School, The National Jewish Medical Center and Women and Infants' Hospital.

Actions do speak louder than words and in LGC&D's case, their actions say they take their commitments to the community very seriously.