

HELPING HAITI

Strasburger & Price LLP staffers turn from legal eagles to Haiti helpers

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Images of the devastation in Haiti brought to life a new level of human hardship that was impossible to ignore, said Dan Butcher, managing partner at Strasburger & Price LLP.

“You just saw people suffering on a scale we couldn’t imagine,” Butcher said.



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Seeing that the country did not have the resources to mend itself made the firm want to help, he said.

Butcher sent an e-mail alerting his staff and partners that Strasburger was setting up a fund to donate money to the American Red Cross. Then he suggested that it contribute money to support Dallas-based MediSend International, which specializes in the distribution of medical supplies to developing countries and in disaster relief situations.

The firm raised more than \$45,000 from employees. Partners and employees donated time sorting supplies and equipment at MediSend. Strasburger and one of its philanthropic partners, American Airlines, with which it works on the Dallas-based nonprofit Snowball Express, coordinated the shipment of MediSend's supplies into Haiti at a time when few planes were able to enter the country.

Butcher serves on MediSend's board.

"We talk a lot at Strasburger about how it's important to be a positive force as lawyers in the communities that we are part of, since that's where we live and where our families go to school," Butcher said.

The call to help Haiti made Strasburger feel the need to assist as a member of the global community, he said.

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Name: Strasburger & Price LLP

Headquarters: Dallas

Employees: Just under 400

Annual Revenue: \$77 million (2009)

Haiti Donation: \$45,000