



### **ESRBA Community Service Initiatives**

The Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association leadership is committed to serving “community”, whether that be our legal community or the larger community in which we live, work and play. At this time of year especially, our thoughts go to those less fortunate and how we can help.

For our second year, ESRBA members have volunteered with the Watson Family Foundation for its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway, which supports hundreds of families in local Pensacola communities. "It's always great to walk up to the cars and get those big bright smiles," Kimberly Watson, Watson Firm spokeswoman said. "Shake people's hands and give people a hug and everything just in the spirit of giving for Thanksgiving." ESRBA members helped with food distribution, set up, and clean up after the event, which was held on Monday, November 21. More than 1,000 turkeys and hams plus grocery bags filled with sides were provided to those who lined up in vehicles for the drive-up food distribution event.

The ESRBA Community Service Committee is also encouraging ESRBA members to join together in support of Communities Caring at Christmas. Established in 1979 by WEAR ABC 3, Communities Caring at Christmas has a long tradition of making the holidays brighter for more than 8,000 recipients. Communities Caring provides new toys, clothing and daily living supplies for abused, neglected or abandoned children living in foster care, children living in poverty and adults with developmental disabilities in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties. Because of your generosity, thousands of children in our community will share in the joy of Christmas,” said Sue Straughn, WEAR-TV Senior News Anchor/Public Affairs Manager and Communities Caring at Christmas, Founder/Organizer. “From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your kindness. What a blessing!”

Unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the ESRBA office, 260 S. Tarragona Street, Suite 160 through Wednesday, December 7 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Donations to Community Caring are tax-deductible through its partnership with Community Health of Northwest Florida. Monetary donations are also accepted via check and credit card. Checks made payable to Communities Caring at Christmas can be mailed to Community Health Northwest Florida, 2315 W. Jackson Street Pensacola, FL 32505. Online donations can be made at [www.healthcarewithinreach.org/donate](http://www.healthcarewithinreach.org/donate). Please select Communities Caring at Christmas from the dropdown menu to designate your gift.

Happy Holidays!

