Corporate Social Responsibility
News & Highlights from AMCHAM Members

Please read below to see how AMCHAM members gave back to communities in Korea in the first quarter of 2018.

Amway Korea

On January 17, Amway Korea held an opening ceremony for the Children Dreaming High project at the Grand Intercontinental Hotel to support poor children. 26 representatives of the local media, Kim Jang-hwan, President and CEO of Amway Korea, and Kim Ye-bun, president of a celebrity volunteer group, participated. At this event, President Kim expressed his hopes that the Children Dream High project will contribute greatly to the improvement of children's health and nutrition. The project focuses on supporting poor children in rural areas through partnerships with the local media. To this end, Amway Korea will provide support through nutritional products and educational school supplies and host summer camp to promote children's emotional growth.

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Air Products Korea

On March 8, International Women’s Day, world’s leading industrial gas company Air Products Korea held donation event Love Neighbor Charity in partnership with the Community Chest of Korea at the Pyeongtaek Council Social Welfare(PTCSW) Center. Air Products Korea donated KRW 100 million to PTCSW to better the lives of the people in the community. As an extension of their donation, Air Products Korea planned various CSR Programs for children, elderly and disabled of the community. The programs will be carried out throughout 2018. With vision to improve community welfare, Air Products Korea plans to engage in various social contribution activities.

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BMW KOREA FUTURE FUND carried out 2018 Winter Hope Sharing School from January 8 to 26 for 2,900 students from 150 elementary schools. Moreover, BMW KOREA FUTURE FUND relieved the burdens of 100 rising middle schoolers by supporting them with school uniform scholarships. During 2018 Winter Hope Sharing School, students were provided with numerous educational, experimental and entertaining programs that will help with psychological, physical stability and growth of the students.

Hope Sharing School is a summer and winter school for the underprivileged children, including lunch provision, medical support and extra-curricular classes. BMW KOREA FUTURE FUND has funded cumulative total of approximately 43,000 children from 2012 until today.

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On January 30, 2018, members of BKL and its pro bono affiliate Dongcheon attended the 17th BKL-Dongcheon Public Interest and Human Rights Film Screening to watch the Korean film “1987,” which depicts Korea’s nationwide pro-democracy movement. Since 2012, BKL and Dongcheon have held film screenings three to four times a year to raise awareness of various public interest and human rights issues in addition to providing tickets to other human rights film festivals. Some of the films that have recently been screened include “Okja,” “New Trial,” “Bringing Tibet Home,” “Spirits’ Homecoming” and “Under the Sun.” BKL and Dongcheon will continue to host screenings to help members pay attention to social justice.

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BMW GROUP Korea
Conrad Seoul celebrated an impressive achievement of recycling more than two tons of donated soap from the Recycling Soap to Save Lives campaign last January. 50,000 recycled soap bars were created from two tons of used soap donated by Conrad Seoul and distributed to underprivileged communities and disaster-hit areas in Asia.

Conrad Seoul commenced the campaign in partnership with DHL Korea in 2014. After Conrad Seoul collects the discarded bars from its guest rooms, DHL Korea transports them to non-profit organization, Soap Cycling.

Consistent with Hilton’s Travel with Purpose initiatives, Conrad Seoul continues to take the lead in reducing the environmental impact and improving sanitation conditions of needy communities for a “Sustainable Tomorrow.”

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On February 13, 2018, Citibank Korea held a signing ceremony of the contribution program for the development of Citi-Social Solidarity Bank-Alternative Credit Assessment Model and delivered Citi Foundation’s charitable contribution funds of about KRW 209 million (USD 185,000) at Citibank Korea’s headquarters building in Da-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul. This contribution, which applies an alternative credit assessment method to allow financially-alienated individuals who find it difficult to use financial services under the regulatory system, developed the Alternative Credit Assessment Model, which is intended to provide loan services at low interest rates. Through the latest contribution agreement, the initially-developed Alternative Credit Assessment Model will be upgraded, creating an assessment platform that can be utilized practically.

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GE supported the successful operation of the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 in February by providing necessary infrastructure technology in power and healthcare. GE’s Energy Monitoring System gave the organizing committee the visibility of energy distribution and consumption at all Olympic venues real-time. GE also ensured power stability and continuity, even during power interruptions, by providing uninterruptible power supplies at every venue. GE’s medical technology, including mobile X-ray, ultrasound, PACS and the athlete management solution (AMS), ensured that the athletes could get personalized treatment immediately. GE also supported Korean national skiers and snowboarders with a customized Crotonville leadership program to help them gain necessary leadership skills for competing on the world stage.

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On January 9, 2018, Dow Korea announced sponsorship of Korean Chemistry Olympiad 2018. Dow supports the entire process from selection to education courses for the national team, who will participate in International Chemistry Olympiad, to foster chemical genius that will lead Korea’s chemistry industry. Andrew Ryu, Country Manager of Dow Korea, attended the Winter School admission ceremony at Kyunghee University and said, “Chemistry is a core field in improving quality of human life. Through participating in Korean Chemistry Olympiad, we hope more students can grow to be creative leaders in material science.”

Dow Korea has put much effort into supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) programs and has sponsored Korean Chemistry Olympiad since 2014.

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Kelly Services has been supporting and funding Uijeongbu City’s six badminton athletes with disabilities since March 2017. As an official supporter of the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics, Kelly Services provided an opportunity for the badminton team to engage with Kelly Services’ community and hoped the players to be encouraged while exploring the spirit of Paralympic athletes. Kelly organized the 2018 PyeongChang Paralympic Tour from March 16 to March 17, 2018, during which 100 internal employees and their families enjoyed the ice sledge hockey game in the beautiful landscape of Gangneung and athletes with disabilities! Through the 2018 PyeongChang Paralympic Tour, the company accomplished the great harmony and fulfillment of corporate social responsibilities.

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Habitat Korea provided housing services at a shanty town in Quezon City, Philippines from February 25 to March 2, 2018. It was the first Global Village program during which 28 staff members and volunteers participated in a team led by Chairman Hyungju Yoon. Quezon City is an isolated place in which 80% of residents live in temporary facilities without sanitation or water.

It is Habitat Korea’s 475th team to send off to develop countries in Asia. Since 1996, Korea has assisted 15,000 families by sending about 13,000 volunteers abroad as a part of CSR efforts. Habitat Korea will continue building homes for housing rights and sustainability to give back to the world.

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Since November 2016, Lee & Ko has been providing monthly pro-bono legal consulting services at Anna’s House, a homeless shelter located in the Seongnam District.

Founded in 1998, Anna’s House is a social welfare foundation that provides cafeterias, self-support facilities, community families, and youth shelters. Lee & Ko has been providing free legal representation and consulting services to the foundation and affiliated organizations. Lee & Ko has also volunteered to provide food for approximately 550 homeless people.

Lee & Ko’s pro-bono legal consulting services include civil cases, criminal cases, personal rehabilitation bankruptcy cases, inheritance disputes, etc. Lee & Ko professionals have been recognized for actively providing free legal services to those in need.

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On January 24, 2018, Lee International participated in a blood donation event held in the large auditorium of the Poongsan Building. Lee International has been a part of this annual event hosted by Siemens for three consecutive years. “People say there has been a lack of blood donations. Our firm will continue to join annual blood donations and try to realize the value of love for others,” a person from Lee International said. The collected blood will be donated to the Korea Pediatric Cancer Foundation to help cure childhood cancers.

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During 2018 1Q, LINA Korea contributed 7.5 billion KRW, 3.38% of its 2017 3Q net income, to Cigna Korea Foundation (CKF) as part of the 2018 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund. LINA Korea has contributed about 3% of current-term net profits to support seniors and promote community development. With this donation, CKF offers various CSR programs including Junsungki Campus, LINA 50+ Awards, Dream Concert, etc.

President & CEO Benjamin Hong said, “we’ve contributed 3% of our net income every year to return the love we’ve received from our customers.” He also added, “we are not only donating but also striving to improve quality of CSR activities.”

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McDonald’s Korea, official partner of the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 practiced numerous CSR activities.

McDonald’s made 900 PyeongChang 2018 ticket donations to multicultural families and marginalized groups in Gangwon province, the host city of PyeongChang 2018, as they have few opportunities to watch cultural performances and sports games, and 75 ticket donations to the National Fire Agency for firefighters who became injured or died on duty and their families to honor their efforts to maintain safety.

In addition, McDonald’s donated 450 Happy Burgers to volunteers of the PyeongChang 2018 and 2,500 Happy Burgers to the soldiers who stood guard around the stadiums of PyeongChang 2018 to express gratitude and support.

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On March 19, 2018, MetLife Korea Foundation launched Inclusion Plus, a global-social innovation competition. Inclusion Plus aims to identify, develop, and support social entrepreneurs, ventures and non-profits that help advance financial inclusion and economic empowerment. 25 semifinalists participated in a 6-week online program on developing a Pitch Deck (a business plan presentation for investors) for which MetLife employees provided mentorship. The 5 final winning teams were awarded a total of $100,000. The top 2 winning teams were invited to the MetLife Global Summit in New York where winning teams from other countries joined for shared learning. Through this competition, MetLife is creating social impact with community organizations by acting as mentors in the competition.

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On January 5, 2018, NCH Korea held a briquette-sharing volunteer event to help the less fortunate to keep warm during the winter. This event was co-hosted by Coal Briquettes for Neighbors in Korea in Heuksuk-dong, Dongjak-gu. In the ‘Briquettes sharing voluntary event’, 30 NCH employees visited the houses of the less fortunate to deliver 1,200 briquettes. This is one of NCH’s annual volunteer events, in which all NCH employees have participated to provide cleaning services and deliver goods and donations for the facilities or people in need. “We hope the less fortunate will be able to keep themselves warm this winter,” said JunKyu Oh, Country Manager of NCH Korea.

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A hidden champion of food package material, New Wrap Co., Ltd., has been supporting the most vulnerable members of society since January 2014. We try to help make a better Korean environment for their lives by means of returning benefits to society.

New Wrap employees went to Seoul Station for lunch box delivery voluntary work on March 23, 2018, and went to the Catholic Alcohol Center in Yongsan to donate daily supplies. It was worthwhile to help people struggling with addiction toward their recovery. We will continue to put our effort on our social sharing culture in order to give happiness to society.

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On January 24, 2018, 30 volunteers from NIKE Korea delivered coal briquettes to needy neighbors. Neighbors in poverty who suffer from severe cold during winter need support to warm their house and water.

Nike Korea collected funds through holding a flea market last year and bought coal briquettes, which are very necessary for those in poverty to survive in such cold winter. 30 volunteers gathered in a neighborhood in Seoul and delivered 1,500 pieces of coal briquette to 6 houses.

Although it was hard to deliver 1,500 pieces of coal briquettes in such freezing cold weather, all the volunteers were happy to help our neighbors in need.

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Worldwide Olympic Partner P&G provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to single moms and their kids from Seongeun Welfare Center in Gangneung by hosting them at the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018. P&G invited them to watch the Olympic games and visit the P&G Family Home, a “Home away from Home” for athletes and their moms. This was part of P&G’s newest Thank You Mom Campaign, “Love Over Bias.” For PyeongChang 2018, P&G honored all moms everywhere who fight for their kids in the face of bias and encourages people all over the world to see each other through a mom’s eyes and embrace the idea of Love Over Bias.

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On the first Friday of January, February, and March, Nu Skin Korea employees and the Nu Skin Korea Force for Good Committee participated in World Vision Korea’s Meal Box Sharing Project. The activity is held on the first Friday of every month at the World Vision Seongnam social welfare center. Every month, Nu Skin Korea has donated funds for 2,500 meal boxes for underfed children, disabled, and elderly who live alone. By December 2017, Nu Skin Korea has donated funds for 334,000 meal boxes. Following the donation of meal boxes to World Vision from 2006, Nu Skin Korea will continue to donate funds under the mission of “Force for Good.”

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On March 9, RGA (Reinsurance Group of America) Korea visited an under-privileged town in Seoul to deliver coal briquettes with The Dining Community Briquetting Banks, a non-profit organization committed to urban poor areas in the country. Despite the hot weather, RGA Korea employees felt happy and grateful delivering coals to neighbors. By delivering coal briquettes, RGA associates not only encouraged each other but also offered their thoughts to the residents in the under-resourced yet dynamic village, taking the first step of CSR in 2018.

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On March 8, Qualcomm Korea welcomed winners of the 2018 Women Enhancing Technology Qualcomm Global Scholars Program at its office. The meeting fell on International Women’s Day, which recognizes the achievements of women worldwide. The Global Scholars Program combines scholarship support with mentorship from Qualcomm employees to enhance women’s global competencies and close the gender gap in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) industries. This year, 12 female students were selected from UNIST, Soongsil University, Chung-Ang University, Hanyang University, Sungkyunkwan University, Ewha Womans University and Sookmyung Women’s University. Winners toured the research lab and participated in team-building activities with Qualcomm employee mentors.

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Seoul Foreign School

Seoul Foreign School marked the historic Winter Olympics in PyeongChang in February 2018 by sending a team of 9 high school students for a full month. The students were stationed at the Olympic Village helping athletes and players with a variety of needs including interpretation. The students had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to immerse themselves into the Olympic life, serve others from many nations and have fun. The Olympic Committee complimented our students on their maturity and language skills as well as their hard work and engagement. All our students are committed to many forms of service in the future.

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As a global company, UPS has a core value of enhancing the well-being of local communities. On February 24, 2018, 14 UPS employees and their families supported ongoing campaigns at Korea Food for the Hungry International (KFHI), an NGO that focuses on taking care of the elderly, handicapped and underprivileged in South Korea, North Korea and overseas. Volunteers corrected typos in booklets that will be used in the NGO’s social welfare campaign. Additionally, two UPS employees volunteered their services after their working hours on February 26 to 27 at the Sharing Happiness store, a KFHI-linked social enterprise that raises funds for the less fortunate.

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On February 21, 2018, 76 freshmen from SUNY Korea volunteered at Spring 2018 New Student Welcome Week. The cohort of students from all over the world was divided into three groups to visit the Red Cross, Youngrakwon, and Youngrak Nursing Home. Most notably, the students who visited the Red Cross baked delicious bread in a program called Baking of Love and shared the finished products with the elderly of Youngrakwon and Youngrak Nursing Home. The students also helped clean up the facilities, made flower pots, and organized a small concert for the elderly. Students mentioned that it felt amazing to help and serve others as part of their new journey as university students.

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A Yulchon Volunteer Team assisted local residents in an earthquake damaged area located in Pohang, North Gyeongsang Province, on February 3, 2018.

The Yulchon Volunteer Team cleaned and sanitized the emergency shelter established in the Heunghae Stadium in order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among local residents. The Yulchon Volunteer Team also purchased a number of locally-made products at the Heunghae Market in Pohang and encouraged other Yulchon employees to buy various Pohang specialties to help support recovery of the local economy following the earthquake. The products purchased in Pohang by the Yulchon Volunteer Team were then donated to Eunhye Dongsan, a welfare facility supported by Yulchon for persons with disabilities.

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On January 29, 2018, Yoon & Yang LLC and Yoon & Yang Pro Bono Foundation met with several adoptee organizations to discuss possible legal support for overseas adoptees.

Yoon & Yang seeks to provide advisory services on legal issues that arise from the legal status of overseas adoptees. Yoon & Yang’s attorneys have established a team and regularly undertake outreach with adoptee organizations such as Global Overseas Adoptees’ Link (GOA’L), KoRoot, and Solidarity & Political Engagement of Adoptees in Korea (SPEAK).

Yoon & Yang seeks to offer the following services: i) publication of a legal handbook for overseas adoptees; ii) legal advisory services; and iii) execution of a memorandum of understanding.

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