I assisted the Latino Leadership Alliance of Bucks County Inc. (LLABC), a Pennsylvania 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that provided information, education, training, career counseling, family services and advocacy to the Latino community in Bucks County, in its merger with and into The Philadelphia Prevention Partnership (PPP). Through this merger, PPP will continue to provide the wonderful and much-needed services to the Bucks County Latino community and will preserve the legacy of the great work started by the founders of LLABC.

**Why do you participate in pro bono?**

As an attorney, I feel responsible for providing pro bono legal services to those who would not otherwise ask or have access. Pro bono is also a way to say thank you to the individuals and organizations that serve and enhance our well-being and our communities. We’ve all heard the expression “pay it forward,” and pro bono is one of the best ways for attorneys to do so.

**How did you become involved?**

I become involved in “Wills for Heroes” through my friend and former colleague, Jenni Murphy. She told me about the pro bono work she was doing with “Wills for Heroes” and I became very interested in the cause. I started volunteering at events and became Jenni’s co-coordinator in Bucks County.

**Have your pro bono cases dealt with legal issues different from your regular practice areas? If so, how did you adapt?**

As a corporate transactional attorney I work on a lot of mergers and acquisitions, but I had never worked on a merger of nonprofits and I wasn’t familiar with the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s review process. I consulted with my colleagues and successfully merged LLABC into PPP.

**What have been the rewards?**

I truly enjoy meeting so many wonderful first responders, veterans and their families, as well as community leaders who make a difference on a daily basis. I get the opportunity to thank them personally for all that they do and for their service to our communities and our country.

I also serve on the boards of several local organizations. One of them is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia. I was a member of the Bridesburg Boys & Girls Club growing up in Philadelphia, and it was a place for me to learn and grow into the person and leader I am today. I also sit on the Unit Council for the Bridesburg Boys & Girls Club. I am a trustee for the Henry Reed Hatfield Trust, which owns and operates the Henry Reed Hatfield Nicetown Playground located in the Nicetown neighborhood of Philadelphia, across the street from the Shane Victorino Nicetown Boys & Girls Club. I also serve on the Paralegal Studies Program Advisory Committee at Peirce College in Philadelphia, of which I am an alumna.

**How does it “make a difference”?**

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The clubs provide a safe place for our kids to learn and grow; to establish ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals; to join life-enhancing programs and have character development experiences. My ongoing involvement with the organization helps me pay it forward to our youth and future leaders. Visit your local Boys & Girls Club and talk to the kids or employees: You will hear how much their club makes a difference in their lives.