

Gray Reed Honored at United Way of Greater Houston Awards Ceremony

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Gray Reed & McGraw recently earned the United Way's **Bar Raising Award** presented by the Law Firm Initiative of the <u>United Way of Greater Houston</u> at the group's Thank You Reception & Awards Ceremony.

Gray Reed, which raised over \$34,500, received the award because it had the greatest percentage increase in their campaign over the last year. The award was presented during ceremonies held on April 4, 2012.

"At Gray Reed & McGraw, we pride ourselves not only on serving our clients — but also our community — and I am proud of my colleagues for stepping up to the plate once again to make a positive difference in the lives of our fellow Texans," said Cary Gray, President and Managing Director of Gray Reed.

The United Way is a non-profit organization that works with nearly 1,300 local United Way offices throughout the country in a coalition of charitable organizations to pool efforts in fundraising and support. The focus of United Way is identifying and resolving pressing community issues, as well as making measurable changes in the communities through partnerships with schools, government agencies, businesses, organized labor, financial institutions, community development corporations, voluntary and neighborhood associations, the faith community, and others. The issues United Way offices focus on are determined locally because of the diversity of the communities served. However, the main focus areas include education, income and health.

The United Way Law Firm Initiative raised over \$3,000,000 this year - the fourth year in a row in which Houston's law firms have exceeded this figure.

About Gray Reed & McGraw

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