Hodgson Russ: "Love Your Community"

Hodgson Russ LLP held a Valentine's Day event to show its community appreciation and to promote volunteerism at area not-for-profits.

The law firm, which is marking its bicentennial this year, opened its doors last week to more than 20 organizations looking to beef up their list of volunteers.

Each nonprofit was sponsored by a Hodgson Russ employee who has a connection as a board member or a volunteer.

"Our involvement with community-based organizations doesn't stop at the board level," President Rick Kennedy said. "We routinely roll up our sleeves and enjoy working directly with the organizations and the people they serve."

Employees of the law firm were given time between 2 and 4 p.m. to meet with the nonprofits and find out how they can get involved. They also enjoyed Valentine's Day treats.

"What better way to help our community partners than by letting them tell their stories to everyone in the firm," Kennedy said in a release.

The firm also sponsored a professional clothing drive to benefit the ECC One Stop Center, which provides gently worn professional clothing for job-seekers.