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Chicago-based accounting firm E. C. Ortiz & Co., LLP volunteered at Feed My Starving Children as part of Illinois CPA Society's Annual Day of Service.

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Last Friday, September 20, more than 1,000 Certified Public Accountants gave back to their communities as part of the [Illinois CPA Society's](#) 4th Annual CPA Day of Service. Firms and their staff helped more than 120 community and non-profit organizations throughout the state of Illinois.

"CPA Day of Service is a unique program that allows CPAs across the state to band together to serve the communities in which we work, play and raise families," said Todd Shapiro, Illinois CPA Society President and CEO. "The collective efforts show a great spirit and compassion for the communities throughout Illinois and the people who live in them.

Throughout Chicago and the surrounding suburbs, hundreds of accounting firms and individual accountants volunteered at food pantries, assisted living communities and local parks. Chicago-based accounting firm [E. C. Ortiz & Co., LLP](#) volunteered at [Feed My Starving Children](#), a Christian organization dedicated to eliminating starvation in children throughout the world.

"This is our fourth year volunteering with Feed My Starving Children, and I think it is a great idea for the Illinois CPA Society to set aside a day, encouraging others to help out their communities," said Gilda Priebe, CPA, CIA, CFE, Partner, E. C. Ortiz & Co., LLP. "Everyone in our office participates and we are all excited to back."

Approximately 60 accountants and staff members from the firm volunteered at the Aurora charity to help pack boxes of food for malnourished children. The firm volunteered for two sessions and set the record for number of boxes packed in one session at 135 boxes.

“If you can spare a couple hours to help others, do it,” said Paul Rosario, E. C. Ortiz &

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& Co., LLP. “In addition to this, many of our staff also volunteer around the world. Some of the past initiatives we have been involved in include Cradle for Crayons in Boston, food kitchens and volunteer work in the Philippines. We also partner with organizations to provide internships to high school and college students.”

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