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Spencer Fane Takes First Place in Annual LEAP Fundraiser, Raising Thousands for Operation Breakthrough

Spencer Fane was honored to join Operation Breakthrough on July 17 following the firm's annual participation in the Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance (LEAP) fundraiser. Through efforts coordinated by Kansas City and Overland Park summer associates **Makenna Copeland, Rachel Holt, Rachel Pickett, Joe Scholten,** and **Jake Thompson**, Spencer Fane raised \$6,540.

Every year, law firms in the Kansas City region engage in a fun, philanthropic competition to raise funds for Operation Breakthrough's Back-to-School Breakfast. This year, Makenna, Rachel, Rachel, Joe, and Jake organized a special trivia night to kick off Spencer Fane donations, ultimately securing the firm first place.

Founded in 1971, Operation Breakthrough seeks to help financially disadvantaged children develop to their fullest potential by providing them with a safe, loving, and educational environment. The center also strives to support and empower the children's families through advocacy, referral services, and emergency aid. With over \$15,000 raised via this year's LEAP competition, the organization purchased school supplies and uniforms for approximately 700 local students in need. Joe attended this year's Back-to-School Breakfast and helped hand out Spencer Fane-funded school supplies to approximately a hundred enthusiastic children.

Learn more about Operation Breakthrough [here](#).