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CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW HONORED AS LEADING CORPORATE GIVER

Philadelphia Business Journal Recognizes Broker as Top Cash Contributor for Fifth Year in a Row

MARLTON, NJ, (May 16, 2013) – Conner Strong & Buckelew, the region's leading insurance, risk management and benefits brokerage firm, announced it has been recognized as a top corporate giver by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*. In 2011, Conner Strong & Buckelew donated \$580,456 to local charities, making it one of the largest cash contributors in the region. The *Philadelphia Business Journal* awards were based on 2011 financial figures.

"Making a difference in our community is something we take seriously. These organizations are tackling the region's most pressing challenges and when our business and our professionals lend support, we are validating their mission, raising awareness and helping create meaningful solutions," said George E. Norcross III, Executive Chairman, Conner Strong & Buckelew.

Together, Conner Strong & Buckelew and the Norcross Foundation concentrate their charitable efforts on improving education for youth, funding research to cure debilitating diseases, supporting the arts and culture through innovative initiatives and helping disadvantaged people.

"As a community partner, we're dedicated to improving the lives of those in need," said Michael Tiagwad, President & CEO, Conner Strong & Buckelew. "We're proud to be holding our inaugural employee Community Day this June. By mobilizing our employees and encouraging their hands-on participation, we will be able to impact the community in a bigger, more meaningful way than ever before."

In 2011, Conner Strong & Buckelew donated to more than 225 charities and organizations. Conner Strong & Buckelew has supported nonprofits and community organizations in the Philadelphia and South Jersey region since its founding in 1959.

"We see our involvement as a responsibility," said Joseph Buckelew, Chairman, Conner Strong & Buckelew. "The businesses we support improve the community and, in turn, vitalize the economy. We see it as a winwin."

About Conner Strong & Buckelew

Conner Strong & Buckelew is a leading insurance, risk management and employee benefits brokerage and consulting firm. Through proprietary approaches, the firm offers customized programs designed to align with organizational goals and drive bottom-line growth.

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