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## **Client Alert**

### **Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP Supports Project Home Indy, Inc.**

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Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP recently participated in Project Home Indy's donation drive organized by a national non-profit, The Civic Projects, on January 28, 2010, by donating three convertible cribs. Project Home Indy serves the high-risk population of pregnant and parenting teens who are homeless in Central Indiana by providing a nurturing residential environment to enable the homeless teenage girls who are pregnant or parenting to gain self-sufficiency. Through a network of service partners and staff, Project Home Indy creates opportunities for homeless teen mothers to access healthcare for themselves and their child, to expand educational and work opportunities and to grow skilled and confident in managing their families' lives. Project Home Indy believes that teenage girls who make the choice to become parents can be self-sufficient mothers and adults with intensive, person-centered program opportunities.

The Civic Projects is a national non-profit that is on a fifty day, fifty state journey to help local community organizations and their initiatives. Day number twenty-five of their travels brought them to Indianapolis to gather donations for Project Home Indy from area businesses and help perform renovation work on the long-term care home for the teenage girls and their children.

PSRB has not only supported Project Home Indy financially but has also donated its legal services. This has included assisting Project Home Indy in obtaining the proper zoning for the residential home that will house the teenage mothers and their children and assisting with various lease issues. The residence that Project Home Indy is leasing in order to house the teenage mothers and their children was zoned for commercial uses only. After a hearing in front of the Metropolitan Development Commission, PSRB was successful in having the property rezoned to Special Use District VII for charitable, philanthropic and not-for-profit institutions. PSRB is proud to support Project Home Indy's mission to aid teenage mothers in becoming independent, self-sufficient caretakers of their children and themselves.