



Deputized Fundraising Policy for the *Bridge Street House of Prayer (BSHOP)*

Purpose of this policy

- The mission of the BSHOP is to build a bridge between the streets and the church. All charitable contributions will be used for the advancement of that mission.
- To be knowledgeable of, and adequately compliant with, IRS rules and regulations and known best practices to support the tax deductibility of donations entrusted to the BSHOP by donors.
- To clearly articulate the BSHOP's deputized fundraising practices and consider suggestions and preferences expressed by donors to the extent allowable and practicable in accomplishing our mission.

Policies (Numerical order for reference only, not an indication of importance)

1. Qualified Charity

The BSHOP is a non-profit corporation and has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be tax-exempt as a 501(c)(3) organization. Tax-deductible contributions must be irrevocable; therefore, all donations are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

2. Deputized Fundraising

The BSHOP utilizes the accepted practice called "deputized fundraising" to raise donations to support many of our programs, activities. Individuals, who desire to participate in our programming, to join The BSHOP staff, may be asked to become fundraisers for The BSHOP with the mutual intention of participating in, under The BSHOP's direction, carrying out the purpose(s) for which they are appealing for donations. It is acceptable practice to agree on and monitor success toward individual and project fundraising goals. However, as the qualified "charity," The BSHOP must maintain discretion and control over the use of all tax-deductible contributions, without any obligation to directly benefit the fundraiser or any other individual. Accordingly, it is not acceptable for tax deductible contributions raised by a deputized fundraiser to be set aside to reimburse expenses incurred by and applicable only to such individual fundraiser or participant.

3. Donor Intent/preference

In order for The BSHOP to receive a donation and write a tax-deductible receipt, donations must be given and received with the understanding The BSHOP has full control of that

donation to use the money at its own discretion. The BSHOP will do everything reasonably possible to honor preferences expressed by the donor. However, The BSHOP cannot receive any donations that are given with the purpose of benefiting any specified individual, as this is not allowed under IRS 501(c)3 regulations. Any donations received with a BSHOP deputized fundraiser's name connected to it will be assumed to be given to help them achieve their fundraising goal for the program in with that are participating in and not intended for any individual benefit of the fundraiser.

6. **Deputized Fundraising – Excess Funds**

Funds raised in excess of an individual's fundraising goals will be used to further the overall mission of The BSHOP. Such funds will be allocated as seen necessary at the full discretion of The BSHOP. Under no circumstances will excess funds be refunded to a donor. Similarly, the fundraiser will not have any control over how excess funds are allocated. As with all donations, we will work to honor donor intent, however, all funds will be used at the full discretion of the BSHOP.

9. **Deputized Fundraising – Shortfalls from Goals**

For each purpose for which The BSHOP employs deputized fundraising, goals for individual participant/fundraisers are set and communicated well prior to the program launch. Even though these goals might sometimes be referred to as the "price," "cost," "fee," or even "tuition," of a program, they do not constitute a traditional contractual relationship. Nonetheless, The BSHOP believes the individual and the other trip participants have the right to expect each participant to use all reasonable efforts and means to achieve both the agreed upon benchmarks and the ultimate goal. In those cases where a participant leaves or completes a trip without reaching either the proportionate or full goal, The BSHOP expects the participant to continue striving to raise funds until their goal is fully met. The BSHOP reserves the right to terminate a participant from a trip or other activity for any purpose in its sole discretion.