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Lending a Helping Hand and Achieving Goals Together

Fiscal sponsorship- an appealing alternative for philanthropic projects

Are you passionate about a social issue, aware of a community problem you would like to address or have a philanthropic project you would like to start? Getting incorporated and tax exempt takes money, time and energy. It is not often practical or cost effective for a project to go through the process of establishing a separate nonprofit organization to pursue its objectives. Fiscal sponsorship provides an appealing alternative. The *Lending a Helping Hand* Fiscal Sponsorship Program at A Charity for Charities can help you make a difference in the community.

The *Lending a Helping Hand* Fiscal Sponsorship Program provides a home for individuals or unincorporated groups wishing to receive tax deductible donations for charitable or community focused activities. A Charity for Charities is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization capable of providing administrative, financial and managerial support freeing up charitable time, energy, money and resources to be focused on the charitable mission and programs and not on corporate and tax compliance.

There are many benefits for considering a fiscal sponsorship program, most importantly the **ability to organize quickly** without having to incorporate. It is a more **efficient, cost effective** and **convenient** way to start out with an infrastructure in place and the administrative and financial functions taken care of. **Tax-deductible contributions** can be accepted immediately and funding sources not willing to fund brand new groups will give to an existing organization with a proven track record.

Although primarily recognized by the nonprofit sector as a tool for emerging and early stage nonprofits, the benefits of fiscal sponsorship extend well past the start up phase. Late stage organizations can benefit too from more efficient and effective business operations, saving money, conserving resources, reducing duplication of personnel and simplifying organizational needs.

The private sector has embraced the concept of shared services for many years but the nonprofit sector still operates from a position of independent incorporation over collective collaboration. The number of charities that start and fail or duplicate services already offered by existing groups could be reduced if more considered becoming a project in a fiscal sponsorship program. More financial resources and time would be available for programs and services instead of administrative and infrastructure support.

A fiscal sponsor may only sponsor projects with a charitable purpose consistent with the sponsor's own mission. The mission of A Charity for Charities is to educate the community



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about and raise funds for other nonprofits in the community. To achieve its mission more broadly A Charity for Charities is interested in working with groups and individuals through its *Lending A Helping Hand* Fiscal Sponsorship program.

By caring about our community and connecting those who care A Charity for Charities is creating new opportunities to better our community. By lending a helping hand we can achieve our goals together.

For more information log on to www.acharityforcharities.org or call 949-361-6563.

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