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CHARITIES POLICY -- ANN ARBOR TRACK CLUB – FEBRUARY 11, 2019



Purpose

- 1) Ann Arbor Track Club contributions to organizations, such as direct charitable giving, in-kind services, or volunteer work, must be in alignment with the AATC mission and purpose. That is, the purpose and use of the contributions should fall within one or more of the following general categories:
 - promote running
 - develop the sport of running
 - enhance the fitness opportunities of members
 - have an overall positive impact on the community in regard to running, health, and the environment.
- 2) AATC should give priority to the following specific areas of interest:
 - a) Promotion of the club mission and goals
 - b) Protection of the Huron River and its environment
 - c) Development of running opportunities in the area for club members and runners at large
 - d) Promotion and development of running opportunities for runners in need of extra assistance.
 - e) Promotion of environmental and health issues affecting the county population.
- 3) AATC contributions should give priority to the following organizations:
 - a. Charities with the highest standards in legitimacy, reputation, transparency, and accountability as defined for nonprofits by GuideStar (GuideStar.org).
 - b. Local charities
 - c. Faith-based charities should be considered only if they provide services and assistance to all groups without subjecting recipients or conditioning assistance on attendance at religious events, participation in faith-based services or subjection to religious ideas.

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- 4) AATC contributions shall follow principles of transparency, fairness, and inclusiveness.
- 5) AATC contributions will support athletic competition in ways that benefit the group as a whole.
- 6) Contributions to support individuals will be made available via designated grant money. An application form and support criteria will be developed in keeping with AATC vision and strategic goals.
 - a) Individuals who are competing in athletic events to raise money for a particular charity foundation will not be supported.

PROCESS

Petitions for club contributions can be made by club members, club contractors, board members, or representatives of potential receiving institutions. The petition must be written to the club president and indicate

- the type of contribution requested
- the benefits to the receiving institution
- the specific use to which the contribution is designed
- the ways in which the contribution will enhance the club mission and priorities.

The Board of Directors will include the petition for discussion at a subsequent formal meeting.

A vote by the board is required to approve and authorize any club contribution in money, services, in kind or volunteer labor.

The Board of Directors, as the AATC governing body, has full responsibility for allocating money and resources to charities in accordance with due process and club priorities and policies.