

DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION
***Serving Altrusa Clubs in North and South
Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.***

The District Three Foundation is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit, philanthropic organization established in 1991 by District Three of Altrusa International to assist local Altrusa Clubs in their fund raising projects by giving them tax exempt status for funds channeled through the Foundation. The Foundation also makes awards or grants to Altrusa Clubs of District Three.

**SERVICES OF THE
DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION**

Service 1. Offers Local Club Fundraising Tax-Deductible Benefit

Local clubs can establish accounts with the District Three Foundation to encourage tax-deductible contributions by businesses and individuals to their projects and fundraisers. Projects are more attractive when the organization has IRA approved status for tax deductions.

Businesses and individuals who make their contribution payable to the District Three Foundation may deduct the contribution from their taxes.

For example, a Club member wishes to make a monetary gift to a Club project. If the check is made out to the local club, who does not have its own Foundation, the gift is not tax-deductible. If the check is made out to the District Three Foundation, it is tax-deductible.

Or, suppose a Club is selling tickets to a fund-raiser. Individuals and businesses that make their check for tickets out to the District Three Foundation may claim a portion of the cost of the ticket as a tax-deductible gift.

How to Co-partner With the Foundation

Co-partnering with the District Three Foundation for tax-exempt status is simple. Just complete the application form available in the *District Director Handbook* or from the

Foundation treasurer to establish your club's account with the Foundation.

Publicize your fundraiser as co-sponsored by District Three Foundation. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and donors whose gifts exceed \$250 will be acknowledged by the Foundation in writing, as required by IRS regulations.

The local Club sends the checks made out to District Three Foundation for a specific project or fundraiser to the Foundation treasurer, who cuts a check to the gifted organization and returns the check to the local Club. The Club then presents the check to the organization.

The interest from these accounts goes to the Foundation's General Fund to help with costs of providing this "pass-through" service.

Service 2. Awards from Foundation Endowment Funds

Several funds have been endowed for special projects of District Three. Each year the interest from these funds is awarded to the winner of the District Three competitions.

Service 3. Individual Club Endowments

Individual Clubs may endow a fund with the interest from the fund being used solely by the founding Altrusa Club. Such local club endowments may be established with a beginning gift of at least \$5,000.

Service 4. Grants to Local Clubs

As funds are available, the Foundation gives cash grants to Altrusa Clubs that provide meaningful support to Altrusa's primary areas of interest.

Merit Award grants may be made to clubs or individuals for special projects or educational grants.

ENDOWED FUNDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Local Clubs may compete annually to receive a monetary gift for their Club from five endowment funds. The applications for the

awards are mailed to the local club president and applications are due in January. Clubs are encouraged to apply for these annual awards. The Foundation manages the following endowments.

Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Services Fund. This fund was initiated in 1991 to honor the lifetime work of Richard Ward Ulrich, husband of Past District Three Governor, Eva Ulrich. Eligible club projects include: recycling, reclamation, seeding to protect slopes and dunes, reforestation, environmental protection and beautification.

Vocational Services Fund – An annual award to the Altrusa Club that has an outstanding vocational service project.

Lucille Spillers Alexander ASTRA Service Fund gives an annual award to the ASTRA Club that has an outstanding service project.

Literacy Fund awards the Altrusa Club that has an outstanding literacy project.

Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitative Services Fund was established in 1996 to honor Mrs. Dollar's 90th birthday. Mrs. Dollar was an active Altrusan for 46 years until her death in 2002. The award goes to the Club whose service project deals with rehabilitating or restoring a needy person to self-sufficiency. Eligible projects may include: refurbishing a facility for use by an under-served group in the community, enabling a family to move from homelessness to housing or helping an individual become self-sufficient.

General Unrestricted Fund is not an endowed fund and pays the expenses of operating the District Three Foundation. When funds are available, it makes awards to Clubs for outstanding service projects and activities within their communities.

**WAYS YOU & YOUR CLUB
CAN SUPPORT THE
DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION**

- ◆ Contribute to the endowment funds listed above. Your gift may be an outright gift of cash, a gift of appreciated stock, real estate, or insurance (naming the Foundation as a beneficiary).
- ◆ Contributions may be in your own name or in honor of someone's special milestone or achievement, such as a special birthday, anniversary, promotion, or a memorial tribute. You designate the endowment to which you are making the contribution.
- ◆ Use the Foundation's services to provide tax-deductible contributions from Club members and friends. (Only contributions for which donors receive no service or benefit apply for tax-deductible contributions.)
- ◆ Contribute to the General Fund to assure the continued services of the Foundation for your Club.
- ◆ Apply for the annual awards offered by the Foundation.
- ◆ Establish a Club endowed fund with a minimum of \$5,000 for a special local project.

Individual Donor Categories

Individual gifts to the Foundation are cumulative with donors moving from category to category based on their total gifts over time.

Donor - \$10.00 - \$99.00

Sponsor - \$100.00 - \$249.00

Partner - \$250.00 - \$499.00

Governor's Circle - \$500.00 - \$999.00

Mamie L. Bass Society - \$1,000.00 +

Benefactor – An individual who places the Foundation in their will or makes the Foundation a beneficiary of an insurance policy.

For additional information on how to make contributions to the Foundation, or a brochure on Donor Categories, contact:

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Mission Statement

The mission of the District Three Foundation is to responsibly invest, manage and distribute funds to further community service programs and projects with other charitable educational, literary, and scientific purposes of District Three, Altrusa International, Inc. and its Altrusa Clubs.

***Dedicated to
Improving Economic
Well-being and
Quality of Life Through
a Commitment to
Community Service
and Literacy***