



City of Los Altos
Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contributions Application

Organization Information

Name: Compassion Week

Address: 655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024

Website: www.compassionweeklosaltos.org

Tax Identification Number: Fiscally sponsored by Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation

Non-profit? Y/N

Civic organization? Y/N

Benefit Los Altos community? Y/N

Description of organizational activities: Compassion Week (CW) brings people of all ages and abilities together for a week in October to build a strong, compassionate, and empathetic community. Through volunteer opportunities, participants expand their understanding of local and global needs. Operated in partnership with multiple local faith communities, the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, Fremont Bank, and local government officials, CW encourages individuals, groups, and families to engage in acts of service. Since its inception in 2012, over 21,000 volunteers have participated in CW activities, supporting over 85 nonprofits. CW is more than just a series of volunteer opportunities—it's a transformative experience. CW has become a cornerstone of community engagement, uniting individuals, groups, and families in acts of service that make a tangible difference in the lives of others.

Description of organizational impact on Los Altos community: CW is a testament to the power of collaboration and collective action. This diverse network of stakeholders underscores the shared values of compassion, generosity, and service that define the Los Altos community.

From packing activity kits for house-bound seniors to assembling science kits for under-resourced schools in the Castro school district, Compassion Week projects address a wide range of needs within the community, touching the lives of individuals across generations and backgrounds. Last year, 600 students from local schools volunteered their time, embodying the spirit of compassion and service from a young age. Senior citizens contributed their wisdom and experience by packing activity kits, which were then distributed to fellow seniors in need. Meanwhile, elementary-aged children learned the importance of giving back as they packed science kits for their peers in underprivileged schools.

CW not only provides invaluable support to nonprofits serving the Los Altos community but also serves as a platform for individuals to recognize their privilege and channel their desire to give back into meaningful action. By engaging in acts of service alongside their families and peers, residents of Los Altos impart essential values of empathy, compassion, and civic responsibility to the next generation, ensuring a brighter future for all.

Contact Information

Contact name: Yvonne Murray

Contact role: Co-Chair (volunteer)

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Contribution Information

Annual contribution amount requested: \$10,000

Length of contribution request? 1 year

Total contribution amount requested: \$10,000

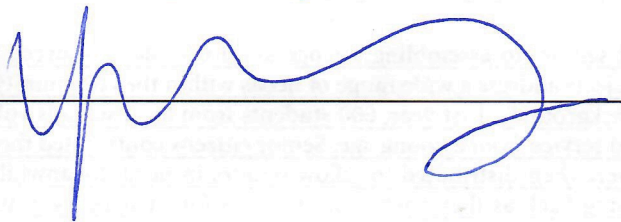
Repeat request from a previous budget cycle? Y / N

Use of funds:

Expense	Amount	Provide a detailed explanation of the use of requested funds	Explain how this expense will benefit the City
SEE ATTACHED			
Total			

Agreement

As the official representative for the above organization, I agree to comply with all requirements listed or otherwise enforced through the City of Los Altos Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy. The City reserves the right to revoke this application at any time for any purpose. The organization shall provide all documents and organizational information as required by the City of Los Altos necessary to comply with Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy application. The official representative certifies that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Date: 4/24/24

Use of funds:

Expense	Amount	Detailed explanation	Benefit to City
Supplies for hygiene kits	\$2,000	500 hygiene kits for homeless, packed by volunteers in Los Altos	City residents want to help the homeless and often don't know what to do. This project gives them the opportunity to help in a meaningful way, while finding out more about the agency working with the homeless – building a more empathetic community.
Playhouse Build for Gold Star Family	\$2,500	Volunteers will build a playhouse with Habitat for Humanity. The playhouse will be given to a Gold Star Family.	City residents get to build a playhouse for a Gold Star family – supporting Habitat for Humanity and a military family, while learning about the housing crisis and having fun with paint and power tools.
Supplies for science kits	2,000	200 Science kits for elementary classes	City residents care about education and realize not everyone has the same opportunities. They pack science kits for Castro school while learning about issues in under resourced schools.
Fleece Blankets	2,000	200 Fleece blankets	City residents will make fleece blankets for foster

			<p>youth to receive something warm and comforting when they enter the foster care system. This gives city residents an opportunity to care for people in need.</p>
Senior Activity Kits	1,500	150 Senior Activity Kits	<p>City residents of all ages pack activity kits that are given to seniors living alone and seniors in residential care. With the aging population, helping seniors feel cared for and appreciated is increasingly important.</p>
Total	\$10,000		