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**From:** Kate Thunstrom  
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Let's chat next week.

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Hi Kate,

I'd like to introduce myself my name is Josh Fischer. I work at The Refuge Golf Club in Oak Grove and the Ponds golf course in Saint Francis.

I recently became the president of the Saint Francis basketball Association, which is a 501(c)(3) that coordinates travel basketball for 3rd through 8th grade boys and girls within the Saint Francis school district.

This year for the first time since it's inception, SFBA conducted a fundraiser. We conducted a cash raffle under St Francis Athletics Booster Clubs gambling license.

We are near the end of our raffle and there are some housekeeping things that have come up and its been brought to our attention that the city of Saint Francis retains 10% of net profits of any charitable gambling operation. Does that include this cash raffle?

I do understand also that Saint Francis has to use those funds in a specific manner. Can you elaborate a little bit more on what the city uses those for?

Are we tied to the municipality because that is where St. Francis athletics booster club is incorporated?

If we did our drawing for the cash raffle at a location outside of the city of Saint Francis would then be subject to those municipalities tax considerations?

I also see under city code that they can be donated back to organizations such as our travel, basketball association for scholarships, etc.

Would the city of Saint Francis consider donating all or some of the tax you will collect from us back to us for this particular raffle in the form of a scholarship donation for families that cannot afford it for their children?

I would love the opportunity to speak on the phone about this. If you are able, please feel free to call me

715-699-3061 and leave a message if I do not answer. I appreciate your time and consideration.

If this is something that is outside of your scope, please direct me on who might be able to answer my questions!

Thanks

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