

## **ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF NORTH COAST GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY**

Assistance League of North Coast, a nonprofit (501(c)(3) corporation, solicits current and deferred gifts from individuals, corporations, foundations and others to fulfill and further the mission of the organization. The following policy governs the acceptance of gifts by Assistance League of North Coast and provides guidance to prospective donors and their advisors when making gifts to Assistance League of North Coast.

### **Mission Statement**

Assistance League of North Coast is dedicated to serving the needs, primarily of children, in the communities of Carlsbad, Oceanside and Vista, with the goal of providing a positive starting point for academic success.

### **Protection of Donors**

Assistance League of North Coast encourages all prospective donors to seek the assistance of appropriate legal and financial advisors in all matters related to their charitable gifts, including the resulting tax and estate planning consequences of such gifts. Assistance League of North Coast will provide the donor with appropriate acknowledgments of gifts as required of the organization by federal or state law.

### **General Policy**

Assistance League of Coast will accept unrestricted gifts, and gifts for specific programs and purposes, provided that such gifts are not inconsistent with its stated mission, purposes and priorities. Certain types of gifts will be accepted without review as specified below. All other types of gifts shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee or another Board designated committee prior to acceptance. All final decisions on the acceptance, or refusal, of a gift shall be made by the Board.

Assistance League of North Coast shall not accept gifts that:

1. Violate the terms of Assistance League of North Coast's organizational documents;
2. Would jeopardize Assistance League of North Coast's status as an exempt organization under federal or state law;
3. Are too difficult or expensive to administer;
4. Are for purposes outside Assistance League of North Coast 's mission; or
5. Could damage the reputation of Assistance League of North Coast.

### **Committee Approving Gifts Responsibilities**

The Committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing gifts specified below made to Assistance League of North Coast, properly screening and accepting those gifts and making recommendations to the Board on gift acceptance issues when appropriate.

### **Gifts Generally Accepted Without Review**

The following types of gifts will generally be accepted by Assistance League of North Coast without review by the Gift Acceptance Committee:

1. **Cash.** Cash gifts are acceptable in any form, including by check, money order, credit card or online.
2. **Marketable Securities.** Unrestricted marketable securities may be transferred electronically to an account maintained by Assistance League of North Coast at one or more brokerage firms or delivered physically with the transferor's endorsement or signed stock power (with appropriate signature guarantees) attached. All marketable securities will be sold promptly upon receipt.
3. **Tangible Personal Property.** Tangible personal property will be accepted provided such property is sellable by the Assistance League of North Coast's thrift shop committee or is usable in its programs or services.
4. **Bequests.** Donors and supporters of Assistance League of North Coast are encouraged to make bequests to Assistance League of North Coast under their wills and trusts. The bequests will not be recorded as a gift until the gift is irrevocable.
5. **Life Insurance or Retirement Plan Beneficiary Designations.** Donors and supporters of Assistance League of North Coast are encouraged to name Assistance League of North Coast as beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of their life insurance policies or retirement plans. Such designations shall not be recorded as a gift to the organization until the gift is irrevocable.

### **Gifts Subject to Review Prior to Acceptance**

Certain forms of gifts or donated properties are subject to review by the Gift Acceptance Committee prior to acceptance. Examples of gifts subject to prior review include, but are not limited to:

1. **Other Tangible Personal Property.** Gifts of tangible personal property other than specified above shall be reviewed by the Gift Acceptance Committee prior to acceptance.
2. **Real Estate.** All gifts of real estate are subject to review by the Gift Acceptance Committee.
3. **Closely-Held or Restricted Marketable Securities.** Gifts of closely-held or restricted marketable securities shall be reviewed prior to acceptance.
4. **All Other Types of Gifts.** All other types of gifts not listed above shall be subject to review by the Gift Acceptance Committee prior to acceptance.

### **Timing for Receipt of Gifts**

Assistance League of North Coast will not accept any gifts without adequate time to perform due diligence on the gift prior to acceptance.

### **Restrictions on Gifts**

Assistance League of North Coast will accept gifts restricted for specific programs and purposes if such gifts are consistent with its stated mission, purposes and priorities. Gifts with nonstandard restrictions and restricted gifts over \$1,000 shall be reviewed by the

Gift Acceptance Committee prior to acceptance. The organization will not accept gifts subject to restrictions if the restrictions violate the terms of the organization's corporate charter, are too difficult to administer or are for purposes outside the organization's mission.

### **Use of Legal Counsel**

Assistance League of North Coast shall seek the advice of legal counsel in matters relating to the acceptance of gifts when deemed necessary and appropriate as determined by the Gift Acceptance Committee or the Board.

### **Review of Gift Acceptance Policy**

The Board of Assistance League of North Coast shall review this policy annually no later than the second board meeting of the fiscal year.