

# PUBLIC EDUCATION INITIATIVES FOR WISE CHARITABLE GIVING

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# South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act

S.C. Code §§ 33-56-10 Et. Seq.

The Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act was enacted in 1994 in order to regulate the manner, conditions, and procedures in which organizations solicit charitable funds in the state of South Carolina.



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In South Carolina, the Secretary of State is the administrator of the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act.

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# Filing Requirements for Charities

- Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization
  - Legal Name and DBAs
  - Physical Location
  - Charitable Purpose
  - Officers/Board Members
  - Contact Person

# Filing Requirements for Charities

- Annual Financial Report
  - Must include the following information:
    - Total revenue
    - Total expenses
    - Program expenses
    - Net assets
    - Fundraising costs
  - Can be filed using IRS Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-PF or annual financial report form provided by the Secretary of State

The Secretary of State's Office publishes registration information and annual financial reports on its website so that donors may research charities before making a contribution.



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## Search Charities

Welcome to the Secretary of State's Charity Search Webpage. You may use this search engine to look up charities by name and to see financial information filed with the Secretary of State's Division of Public Charities. Please note that all information provided is based on the most recent registration statement and annual financial report filed by the charitable organization with the Secretary of State.

For additional information on charitable organizations, including filing requirements, please visit the Division of Public Charities Webpage.

For your convenience, the [Suspended Charities](#) report may be downloaded in PDF format.

Name of Charity:

Contains



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In 2023, Secretary Hammond launched the Give Smart SC mobile app to make it easier for donors to access registration and financial report data.

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Give  
Smart SC  
mobile app  
is now  
available.



## Giving Smart Just Got Easier!

1) SEARCH TO SEE IF A CHARITY IS REGISTERED



2) REVIEW THE CHARITY'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION



7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021.

### Financial Report

TOTAL REVENUE:	\$26,646,536.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES:	\$15,821,491.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$17,047,134.00
NET ASSETS:	\$179,105,305.00
FUNDRAISER COSTS:	\$747,755.00

### Financial Report File (tap to view)

2020 Form 990.pdf

Next Report: 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

Due Date: 11/15/2022

According to the financial information filed, this organization devoted 92.8% of its total expenses to program services during the year reported.

Before making a donation, use the **Give Smart SC** mobile app to confirm that the charity is registered to solicit in South Carolina, and review its most recent financial report.

Donors can also file a confidential complaint through the Give Smart SC App or the Secretary of State's website if they have concerns about a charitable organization, professional fundraiser, or nonprofit raffle.

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### Contact Information of Charitable Organization/Person

**Name of Charity \***

**Name of Person Requesting Donation**

**Address**

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**Phone Number**

**Email Address**

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### Charitable Solicitation Complaint Details

**Methods of Solicitation \***

**Date of Solicitation \***

**Time of Solicitation \***

**Location of Solicitation \***

If telephone or email solicitation, please list the recipient's telephone number or email address. If online solicitation, please list website address where solicitation occurred.

**Nature of Complaint \***

**Complaint Summary \***

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**Did you donate or pledge to donate? \***

Yes

No

**Contact information of persons who may have additional details regarding this complaint**

**Summary of actions already taken**

Are you aware of any other actions that have been taken to attempt to resolve this complaint, either within the organization itself or by law enforcement or another agency? If so, please provide a summary of such action and upload additional pages.

**Upload Documents**

Choose File(s)

Choose Image(s)

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# Angel Announcement



- Every year, Secretary Hammond recognizes 10 “Angel” charities in order to raise awareness about wise charitable giving.
- Secretary Hammond recognizes a variety of organizations that have a significant impact on South Carolina.
- Nominations from the public are also requested.

# Angel Announcement

In order to be recognized as an Angel, a charity must meet the following criteria:

- The charity must devote 80% or more of its expenses to program services.
- The charity must have been in existence for three or more years.
- The charity must make good use of volunteer services and not rely heavily on grants.
- The charity must be in compliance with the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act.

# Other Public Education Initiatives

- **Wise Giving Presentations/Trainings**
- **Annual Wise Giving & Professional Solicitor Report**
- **Multistate Actions**
- **End-of-Year Public Service Announcement**

# GIVE SMART PSA



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**Enforcement  
Actions**



**Public  
Education**

***The best weapon  
against charity fraud is  
the educated donor!***

**Give From  
The Heart,  
But Please  
Give Smart!**



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