

# CHARITY MISSION STATEMENTS



**Hello friends and family bowlers!**

**Prior to voting for the charities you wish to support, we thought we would give you a quick overview of the charities selected. The charities provided us (you) a short “mission statement” about their goals as an organization. For more details refer to the fliers provided in the binder or visit their website.**

## **#1 Category: Jewish Related Charities**

### **1. Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind:**

Helps blind people in Israel achieve independence and mobility through the use of guide dogs. Blind person receives guide dog, instruction and regular home visits, at least every 6 months, at no charge. The cost to the organization is app. \$25,000.

### **2. Memphis Jewish Home:**

A non-profit nursing home, Jewish in character and environment, dedicated to providing the highest level of care possible, with dignity, compassion and professionalism. Memphis Jewish Home is a place to grow, not merely grow old.

### **3. MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger:**

Allocates donations from the Jewish community to prevent and alleviate hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds. MAZON funds emergency food providers, food banks, multi-service organizations and advocacy groups in this country and abroad.

## **#2 Category: Humanitarian**

### **1. Heifer International:**

Works with communities to end hunger & poverty & to care for the Earth. Families are provided with animals that are a food source and means of earning a living, knowledge and training. This gives the family self-reliance and dignity rather than short-term relief. Each family must pass on their animals first offspring, knowledge and training to another member of the community.

### **2. Big Brothers / Big Sisters USA:**

To create successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to better schools, brighter futures and stronger communities for all. To help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact.

### **3. Doctors Without Borders:**

An international independent medical humanitarian organization that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural and man-made disasters, and exclusion from health care in more than 70 countries. A private, nonprofit organization, Doctors Without Borders was founded in 1971 as the first non-governmental organization to both provide emergency medical assistance and bear witness publicly to the plight of people it assists.

## #3 Category: Our Animal Friends

### 1. World Wildlife Fund:

The conservation of nature. Using the best available scientific knowledge and advancing that knowledge where we can, we work to preserve the diversity and abundance of life on Earth and the health of ecological systems by

- . protecting natural areas and wild populations of plants and animals, including endangered species;
- . promoting sustainable approaches to the use of renewable natural resources; and
- . promoting more efficient use of resources and energy and the maximum reduction of pollution.

### 2. Wildlife Conservation Society:

Saves wildlife and wild lands through careful science, international conservation, education, and the management of the world's largest system of urban wildlife parks. These activities change attitudes toward nature and help people imagine wildlife and humans living in sustainable interaction on both a local and a global scale. WCS is committed to this work because we believe it essential to the integrity of life on Earth.

### 3. Animal Welfare Institute:

A non-profit charitable organization founded in 1951 to reduce the sum total of pain and fear inflicted on animals by humans. Our Legislative division, the Society for Animal Protective Legislation (SAPL), pushes for the passage of laws that reflect this purpose.

Specific goals are:

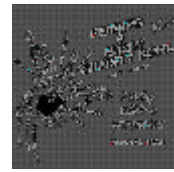
- . Abolishing factory farms and achieving humane slaughter for all animals raised for meat.
- . Improving the housing and handling of animals used for experimentation and pushing for the development of animal research alternatives
- . Ending the use of steel-jaw leghold traps and reforming other cruel methods of controlling wildlife population
- . Preserving species threatened with extinction and protecting wildlife in international trade
- . Enforcing strict regulation of transport conditions for all animals
- . Encouraging animal-friendly science teaching and preventing painful experiments on animals by students

### 4. Elephant Sanctuary:

Founded in 1995, it is the nation's largest natural habitat developed specifically for endangered African and Asian elephants. It operates on 2,700 acres in Hohenwald, Tennessee. It provides a haven for old, sick or needy elephants in a setting of green pastures, old-growth forests, spring-fed ponds and a heated barn for cold winter nights. Also provides education about the crisis facing these social, sensitive, passionately intense, playful, complex, exceedingly intelligent and endangered creatures.



## **#4 Category: Protecting Our Environment**



### **1. The Conservation Fund:**

Dedicated to protecting America's natural, cultural and historic heritage for current and future generations. Since its founding in 1985, The Conservation Fund has protected more than million acres of the nation's most important land and water resources—from national parks and wildlife refuges to recreation areas and historic places.

### **2. Save-the-Redwoods League:**

Founded in 1918, a leader of the movement to preserve the coast redwood and giant sequoia. Has assisted in permanently protecting hundreds of thousands of acres of redwood forestland. Save-the-Redwoods League works to rescue from destruction representative areas of our primeval forests; co-operate with the California State Park Commission, the National Park Service and other agencies in establishing redwood parks and other parks and reservations; purchase redwood groves by private subscription; foster and encourage a better understanding of the value of primeval Redwood or Sequoia and other forests of America as natural objects of extraordinary interest to present and future generations; support reforestation and conservation of our forests.

### **3. The Nature Conservancy:**

Works to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

## **#5 Category: "To Our Health"**

### **1. The Lance Armstrong Foundation:**

Founded in 1997 by champion cyclist, Lance Armstrong, the foundation provides the practical information and tools people living with cancer need to "live strong." This is done through education, advocacy, public health and research programs.

### **2. The American Kidney Fund:**

Provides direct financial assistance to kidney patients in need and education for those with and at risk for kidney disease. The nation's leading source of direct financial aid to chronic kidney disease patients across the nation.

### **3. The Breast Cancer Research Fund:**

Works to achieve prevention and a cure for breast cancer in our lifetime by providing critical funding for innovative clinical and genetic research at leading medical centers worldwide, and increasing public awareness about good breast health.

### **4. The Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer:**

The center's mission is to save lives and reduce suffering through improved treatment, early detection, and prevention of ovarian cancer.

### **5. The Lymphoma Research Foundation:**

The nation's largest lymphoma-focused voluntary health organization devoted exclusively to funding lymphoma research and providing patients and healthcare professionals with critical information on the disease. Their mission is to eradicate lymphoma and serve those touched by the disease.