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### **Clothing Donation Mission and Policy**

AmericasRelief Team uses clothing collection bins as a means of generating funds for their relief programs in the Americas. The income AmericasRelief Team receives from used clothing collection bins will go to underwrite such things as shipping, transportation, and warehousing of relief aid to make sure it gets to those in need as fast as possible.

We need corporations like yours to help us in our efforts to help with the crisis in Haiti. My hope is that you will participate by hosting a clothing drive at one of your office locations. This would be a great help to the organization as it would increase awareness and availability.

### **Why should I contribute to AmericasRelief Team?**

AmericasRelief Team is dedicated to the rapid and efficient distribution of relief to victims in the Americas. AmericasRelief Team is a Florida private sector collaboration of corporations and non-profit organizations created to help our Latin America and Caribbean friends in times of crisis and disasters. AmericasRelief Team reacts to immediate crisis, provides ongoing logistics assistance, and conducts plans for future events in the region which will require effective coordination of humanitarian relief.

### **How does AmericasRelief compare to others who also collect used clothing?**

<b>Charitable Organizations</b>	<b>Goodwill Industries</b>	<b>The Salvation Army</b>	<b>AmericasRelief Team</b>
<b>Deposit of Clothing</b>	Uses collection bins and does pickups.	Uses collection bins and does pickups.	Uses collection bins and does pickups.
<b>Collections</b>	Conducts own collections.	Conducts own collections.	Uses an agent to conduct collections.
<b>Recyclable Clothing</b>	Sells recyclable clothing to wholesale textile distributor to raise funds for the program.	Sells recyclable clothing to wholesale textile distributor to raise funds for the program.	Sells recyclable clothing to wholesale textile distributor to raise funds for the program
<b>Reusable Clothing</b>	1. Sells reusable donated clothing to public at thrift stores to raise funds for the program.	1. Sells reusable donated clothing to public at thrift stores to raise funds for the program. 2. Distributes selected small amounts of reusable clothing to their Adult Rehabilitation Centers	1. Sells reusable donated clothing to public at thrift stores to raise funds for the program. 2. Re-donate selected small amounts of reusable clothing to Miami-Dade inner-city programs.
<b>Main Objective</b>	To raise funds for the program.	To raise funds for the program.	To raise funds for the program.

### **What do you do with my used clothing?**

Just as most other charitable organizations, AmericasRelief Team sells most of the donated reusable and recyclable used clothing to raise funds for the programs of the organization.

### **How is my donation used?**

One of AmericasRelief Team's biggest concerns is that much of the aid earmarked for disasters becomes stacked up at collection centers. A logistics bottleneck keeps relief aid from getting to the people with the greatest needs, so the largest portion of your donation goes to underwrite such things as shipping, transportation, and warehousing of relief aid to make sure it gets to those in need as fast as possible.

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### **How much of my money goes to administration?**

AmericasRelief Team makes every effort to ensure that the maximum possible amount from donations is earmarked to programs that help get relief aid to the victims of disasters in the Americas. Our target is to get approximately 85 cents of every dollar we collect to go toward programs for the rapid and efficient distribution of relief to victims in the Americas.

### **What value do I assign to my donation of used clothing?**

Sorry, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not allow charitable organizations such as AmericasRelief Team to determine the value of an in-kind donation such as used clothing. You need to make your own honest determination for IRS purposes.

### **Do I get a receipt?**

Yes, AmericasRelief Team will provide you with a generic "Used Clothing Donation Receipt." You need to set your own valuation.

### **Simple Steps for Hosting a Corporate Clothing Drive**

1. Contact the AmericasRelief Team at (305)884-0441.
2. Select dates and location for the Clothing Drive.
3. Obtain approval from landlord for the placement of a Collection Truck.
4. AmericasRelief creates a flyer with your information for the distribution to your employees.
5. A Collection Truck will arrive on the premise on the first day of the Clothing Drive.
6. Your employees will be able to drop off clothing and shoes at their convenience.
7. The Collection Truck will depart at the end of the drive.