

Lighthouse Thriftique Monetary Donation Request Policy

Lighthouse Thriftique is committed to serving our community through charitable giving, resource sharing, and Christ-centered compassion. To ensure we steward our resources wisely and fairly, we have established the following policy for individuals or organizations seeking monetary donations or requesting to be the beneficiary of a charity day at our store.

1. Eligibility

Requests may be considered from:

- Registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Faith-based ministries
- Local schools or community groups
- Individuals with documented needs (must be referred by a recognized organization, church, or school)

2. Types of Support Considered

- **Direct Monetary Donations:** Lighthouse Thriftique does **not** provide direct financial assistance to individuals. Monetary donations are available **only to verified organizations** within our community whose mission and work align with our values. If approved, donations will be issued **by check** made payable to the requesting organization—never to an individual.
- **Charity Day Fundraisers:** Approved beneficiaries may receive the net proceeds from an agreed-upon day of sales at Lighthouse Thriftique, where we promote shopping to support the cause.

3. Request Process

- All requests must be submitted **in writing** using our **Monetary Donation Request Form**.
- The request must include:
 - Name and contact information of the requesting party
 - Description of the organization or individual need
 - Amount requested or type of support desired
 - How the funds will be used

- Documentation of nonprofit status (if applicable)
- Requested date (if applying for a charity day)
- Requests must be submitted at least **30 days in advance** of any expected need or event.

4. Review and Approval

- Requests are reviewed by the Lighthouse Thriftique Board of Directors.
- Approval is based on alignment with our mission, available resources, and scheduling.
- Submission of a request does not guarantee approval.

5. Post-Donation Requirements

- Beneficiaries may be asked to provide a brief follow-up report or thank-you note sharing how the funds were used.
- Charity Day recipients are encouraged to promote the event to their network to help maximize impact.

6. Conflicts of Interest & Transparency

Lighthouse Thriftique strives to maintain the highest standards of integrity in all charitable giving decisions. We are committed to:

- Avoiding any real or perceived **conflicts of interest**
- Ensuring **transparency** in how donation recipients are selected and how funds are distributed
- Making donation decisions in a way that reflects fairness, stewardship, and accountability to our mission and supporters
- We do not fund political campaigns, for-profit ventures, or cause conflict with our values and mission.

Any organization found to have withheld relevant information or misrepresented its request may be ineligible for future support.