

Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortés announced that 14 disciplinary actions have been taken against charitable organizations, professional solicitors and professional fundraising counsel by the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations.

## **Actions**

### **In State**

#### **Allegheny County**

Renewable Manufacturing Gateway, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, paid a \$4,000.00 administrative fine as the result of soliciting contributions from 2013 through 2017 without the approved registration filed with the Bureau after it received contributions in excess of \$25,000.00 per annum in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1). (9/6/17)

#### **Berks County**

Hereford Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., of Hereford, Berks County, paid a \$2,000.00 administrative fine as the result of soliciting contributions from 2014 through 2016 without the approved registration filed with the Bureau after it received contributions in excess of \$25,000.00 per annum in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1). (9/6/17)

#### **Elk County**

Flying Dove Ranch, Inc., of Ridgeway, Elk County, paid a \$2,000.00 administrative fine as the result of soliciting contributions from 2012 through 2015 without the approved registration filed with the Bureau after it received contributions in excess of \$25,000.00 per annum in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1). (8/11/17)

#### **Lancaster County**

Columbia Quick Response Service, Inc., of Columbia, Lancaster County, paid a \$1,000.00 administrative fine as the result of violating Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through 10 P.S. § 162.5(b) (10) by failing to list the names and addresses of any professional solicitors, professional fundraising counsels and commercial coventurers who are acting or have agreed to act on behalf of the organization and § 162.5(b) (12) by failing to list whether any of the organization's officers, directors, trustees or employees are related by blood, marriage or adoption to each other or to any officers, agents or employees of any professional fundraising counsel or professional solicitor under contract to the organization or to any supplier or vendor providing goods or services to the organization, and the names and business and residence addresses of any such related parties. (9/6/17)

#### **Montgomery County**

The King's Men, of Oreland, Montgomery County, paid a \$4,000.00 administrative fine as the result of soliciting contributions from 2013 through 2015 without the approved registration filed with the Bureau after it received contributions in excess of \$25,000.00 per annum in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1). (8/11/17)

## **Northampton County**

Diamond Fire Company of Walnutport, Walnutport, Northampton County, paid a \$4,000.00 administrative fine as the result of soliciting contributions from 2013 through 2015 without the approved registration filed with the Bureau after it received contributions in excess of \$25,000.00 per annum in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1). (9/6/17)

## **Philadelphia County**

Global Textile Recycling, LLC of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed an administrative fine in the amount of \$61,000 and ordered to cease and desist from all manner of fundraising and solicitation activities until all penalties are paid in full and until Respondent becomes properly registered as a professional solicitor. Global Textile Recycling, LLC rendered professional solicitation services for a Pennsylvania charitable organization by maintaining 23 clothing collection bins in violation of a prior Order of the Secretary and without being properly registered with the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations. Global Textile Recycling, LLC also failed to obtain and receive approval of a required bond; failed to file and obtain approval of each written contract with a charitable organization; failed to file a written solicitation notice with each written contract with a charitable organization; performed services pursuant to contracts with a charitable organization which did not contain the required signatures; failed to submit required financial reports; failed to clearly and conspicuously provide the required disclosures while soliciting contributions for a charity; and failed to conspicuously state the required notice while soliciting contributions for a charity. (8/15/17)

Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corp., of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, paid a \$5,000.00 administrative fine as the result of soliciting contributions from 2013 through 2016 without the approved registration filed with the Bureau after it received contributions in excess of \$25,000.00 per annum in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1). (9/6/17)

## **Out of State**

Burn 24/7, Gig Harbor and Port Orchard, Washington, paid a \$4,000.00 administrative fine as the result of soliciting contributions from 2011 through 2016 without the approved registration filed with the Bureau after it received contributions in excess of \$25,000.00 per annum in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1). (9/6/17)

American Bankruptcy Institute, Alexandria, Virginia, paid a \$6,000.00 administrative fine as the result of soliciting contributions from 2014 through 2016 without the approved registration filed with the Bureau after it received contributions in excess of \$25,000.00 per annum in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1). (9/6/17)

Residential Programs, Inc., Eatontown, New Jersey paid a \$7,000.00 administrative fine as the result of violating the Act at Section 15(a)(1), 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through Section 9(q)(1), 10 P.S. § 162.9(q)(1), by employing seven (7) individuals to conduct solicitations in Pennsylvania who have been convicted by a court of any state or the United States of any felony, or of any misdemeanor involving dishonesty or arising from the conduct of a solicitation for a charitable organization or purpose. (9/6/17)

## Cease and Desist Orders

H.O.P.E.-Your Giving Hands, 657 Spencer Drive, Tulleytown, PA 19007 and 106 E. Endfield Road, Feasterville, PA 19053

National Assistance Committee, aka National Veterans Committee, 204 West Spear Street, #3525, Carson City, NV 89703

The Station Foundation, 1627 West Main Street, Suite 258, Bozeman, MT 59715

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