

Acting Secretary of State Robert Torres announced that 11 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

The Manchester Citizens Corporation, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County paid a \$7,000.00 administrative fine as the result of soliciting and receiving charitable contributions of approximately \$1,470,058.00 from November 12, 2013 through March 29, 2017 without the approved 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). (09/29/17)

Armstrong County

Balafon West African Dance Ensemble, Inc., Kittanning, Armstrong County paid a \$1,000.00 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). (09/20/17)

Franklin County

Rashel Tiffany Bumbaugh, of Chambersburg, Franklin County, was publicly reprimanded; was ordered to cease and desist and not represent, either directly or indirectly, that by this Consent Agreement the Bureau of Charitable Organizations has sanctioned, condoned, approved or pardoned any part or aspect of her activities; she shall not, either directly or indirectly, participate in any activities within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; she shall not assume any position in any charitable organization, whether voluntary or paid, that involves the solicitation, collection or expenditure of contributions; she shall fully cooperate with the Franklin County District Attorney's Office in all efforts taken by the office to pursue any actions and to achieve full restitution in this matter; and shall be deemed settled and discontinued upon the Secretary issuing an Order that approves this Consent Agreement. The discipline was imposed because Rashel Tiffany Bumbaugh violated the law in that each officer and director of the charitable organization is required to act in a fiduciary capacity in regard to soliciting, collecting and expending contributions and violated by failing to apply contributions in a manner substantially consistent with the charitable organization's purpose as required by the Act; and by failing to apply contributions in a manner substantially consistent with the organizations' charitable purpose by misappropriating funds from the organization for her personal use, needs or benefit. (09/07/17)

Daniel Wayne McCormick, of Chambersburg, Franklin County was publicly reprimanded; was ordered to cease and desist and not represent, either directly or indirectly, that by this Consent Agreement the Bureau of Charitable Organizations has sanctioned, condoned, approved or pardoned any part or aspect of her activities; he shall not, either directly or indirectly, participate in any activities within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; he shall not assume any position in any charitable organization, whether voluntary or paid, that involves the solicitation, collection or expenditure of contributions; he shall fully cooperate with the Franklin County District Attorney's Office in all efforts taken by the office to pursue any actions and to achieve full restitution in this matter; and shall be deemed settled and discontinued upon the Secretary issuing an Order that approves this Consent Agreement. The discipline was imposed because Daniel Wayne McCormick violated the law in that each officer and director of the charitable organization is required to act in a fiduciary capacity in regard to soliciting, collecting and expending contributions and violated by failing to apply contributions in a manner substantially consistent with the charitable organization's purpose as required by the Act; and by failing to apply contributions in a manner substantially consistent with the organization's charitable purpose by misappropriating funds from the organization for his personal use, needs or benefit. (09/07/17)

Philadelphia County

Key Elements Group, LLC, Philadelphia, PA paid a \$1,500.00 administrative fine as the result of violating the Act at Section 15(a)(1), 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through § 162.9(e),(f) and (g) in that it engaged in professional solicitation services for two (2) different charitable organizations in Pennsylvania without first having the contracts approved by the Department. Also, Respondent violated the Act at Section 15(a)(1), 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through § 162.9(l) by failing to file a campaign financial report within ninety (90) days after the solicitation campaign had been completed for services provided to a charity.

Out of State

Make Some Noise: Cure Kids Cancer Foundation, Inc., of Parsipanny, New Jersey, agreed to pay an administrative fine in the amount of \$2,000, because it violated the law by soliciting charitable contributions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in July 2014 while unregistered; and violated the law on multiple and repeated occasions by soliciting charitable contributions in the form of advertisement for goods and services on its website representing that a purchase of the good or service would result in a contribution for charitable purpose. (09/07/17)

Cease and Desist Orders

In State

4 All Seasons Association d/b/a 4 All Seasons Thrift Shop, 507 Quail Court, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
AND 5550 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, PA 17350

Fall in RUV, 505 Lake Avenue, Montrose, PA 18801

Ralph Scott Winterburn, Tamaqua, PA

Out of State

Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund, P.O. Box 390412, Cambridge, MA 02139

Jewish Agency for Israel-North American Council, 633 Third Ave., 32nd Fl., Suite C, New York, NY 10017

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