

Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortés announced that five 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

Crawford County

Crawford County Humane Society, a registered charitable organization, certificate number 12602, was ordered to pay an administrative fine of \$2,000, because the organization solicited charitable contributions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the absence of an approved registration from November 11, 2013 through July 17, 2016.

Out of State

Americans for Peace Now, Inc. a registered charitable organization in Woburn, Massachusetts, certificate number 24831, was ordered to pay an administrative fine of \$12,000, because the organization solicited charitable contributions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the absence of an approved registration from May 15, 2003 through August 1, 2016.

Central New York Ronald McDonald House, Inc., a registered charitable organization, certificate number 39379, was ordered to pay an administrative fine of \$2,500, because the organization solicited charitable contributions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the absence of an approved registration from November 11, 2011 through July 22, 2016.

CMRK, Inc., a registered professional solicitor located in Northborough, Massachusetts, certificate number 102176, was ordered to pay an administrative fine of \$20,000, because the organization acted as a professional solicitor by operating 73 clothing donation bins in 50 locations across the Commonwealth, in the absence of an approved registration. This is CMRK, Inc.'s second violation.

Thumbs Up Telemarketing, Inc., Registration No. 13775, of St. Louis, MO, agreed to pay an administrative fine in the amount of \$4,000, and enter into the Consent Agreement and Order, which shall not be considered an admission of wrongdoing because it provided services as a professional solicitor regarding the solicitation of contributions in the Commonwealth prior to obtaining approval by the Department of State of a registration statement as required by the law; and failed to comply with an order of the Secretary by failing to pay the administrative fines previously imposed.

A complete list of sanctions is available online at
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