

Introduction

18 Reasons is a not for profit organization in the state of California and encourages the acceptance of gifts to or for the benefit of 18 Reasons. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all gifts align with the organization's mission, values, and contribute positively to the success of 18 Reasons.

Mission and Values

18 Reasons is a nonprofit cooking school on a mission to empower our community with the confidence and creativity needed to buy, cook, and eat good food every day. With our free community programs in underserved neighborhoods and our cooking school open to all, 18 Reasons increases food security for the Bay Area through the power of home cooking. Gifts accepted should be in line with the organization's mission and values, promoting culinary education, community engagement, and food security.

Donations will be accepted from individuals, partnerships, corporations, foundations, government agencies or other entities. Both restricted and unrestricted gifts are welcomed.

Types of Acceptable Gifts

- ✓ Donations of cash, check, DAF distribution: contributions are welcomed and will be directed towards general operating funds or restricted support as designated by the donor. All checks are payable to 18 Reasons.
- ✓ Marketable securities: Acceptance of publicly traded stocks or bonds will be considered in consultation with the Finance Committee.
- ✓ In-kind donations: Non-cash gifts such as equipment, kitchen supplies, or services will be considered in consultation with 18 Reasons' management.

Unacceptable Gifts

- ⊗ Gifts that conflict with the mission or values of 18 Reasons.
- ⊗ Gifts that carry restrictions incompatible with the organization's objectives.
- ⊗ Gifts that may expose the organization to legal or financial risks.
- ⊗ Gifts that are not easily applied to furthering the mission or values of 18 Reasons.

Gift Review and Approval Process

- All potential gifts will be reviewed by 18 Reasons' management to ensure they align with the organization's mission and goals.
- The Finance Committee will assess the financial viability and impact of non-cash gifts.
- The Board of Directors will provide final approval for significant gifts, including donor recognition opportunities associated with the expansion campaign.

Naming Opportunities

Naming opportunities for significant contributions to the expansion campaign may be available. The naming process will be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Donor Recognition

Donors will be appropriately recognized based on the level of their contribution, unless they choose to remain anonymous.

Stewardship

18 Reasons is committed to maintaining strong relationships with donors. Regular communication and updates on the impact of gifts will be provided.

Policy Review

This Gift Acceptance Policy will be periodically reviewed and updated by the Board of Directors to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

By accepting a gift, 18 Reasons acknowledges the generosity of its supporters and their commitment to the organization's mission and success.

Questions?

Please contact Ryan DeBoer, Director of Development at ryan@18reasons.org