

American Contract Bridge League Charities and ACBL Unit 174

Formed in 1964, the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) Charity Foundation supports qualified 501(c)3 charitable organizations within ACBL communities with monies raised through ACBL club charity games, ACBL tournament charity games and through private donations. Grants are then provided to ACBL District organizations who select charities based on the diverse needs of their respective communities.

The North American Bridge Championships (NABCs) are held yearly in the spring, the summer and the fall. The Foundation provides grants to each NABC Tournament Committee who select a local charity or charities to receive funding. The Foundation has a rich history of funding ACBL communities impacted by natural disasters such as hurricanes Irma, Harvey and Maria in 2017, the California wildfires in 2017 and 2019 and the earthquake in Mexico in 2017.

In 2022, the Foundation provided \$25,000 to UNICEF-Help Children in Ukraine Fund to aid children and families impacted by the war in Ukraine. In 2023, the Foundation established a catastrophic relief fund and guidelines to ensure a swift response to funding when communities need it most. The Hawai'i Community Foundation: Maui Strong Fund, supporting the recovery needs of those affected by the Maui wildfires, received \$10,000 in relief funding.

Each year, Unit 174 selects a charity for its annual contribution efforts. We are seeking your recommendations for an official charity to support in the coming fiscal year. Please send suggestions to Unit 174 Board Member James Sells or unit president Sarah Springer.

Nominations

The charity recommended must be designated a 501(c)3 or an NPO, AC or IAP in Mexico, and non-bridge related. A copy of the 501(c)3, NPO, AC or IAP document must be included with the recommendation, including the address of the charity and, for communication, the name of a contact person and information for reaching that person.

Please note that grants will not be awarded to any organization related to bridge. (There are two other foundations that award grants specifically to the bridge community: Educational Foundation and Foundation for the Preservation and Advancement of Bridge.)

All nominations should be received by February 2nd, 2025 so the Board can vote on this at the Feb. 3rd Board of Directors meeting.

Please send recommendations to:

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Receipts of complete applications will be acknowledged by email, so please include one with your nomination.