

What is the Directed Giving Alliance?

The Directed Giving Alliance (DGA) is a group of charities who work together to provide donors with more choice in workplace giving campaigns.

Are members of the DGA also members of the United Way?

There are no DGA members who are member agencies of the United Way of Olmsted County.

Is there oversight of donations given to charities involved with the DGA?

Each charity in the Directed Giving Alliance has been independently reviewed and certified with the L.I.C. Seal of Excellence award. It is estimated that only 5% of all charities nation-wide can earn this seal.

Is it easy to give with the DGA form?

Yes! On the Directed Giving Alliance form, all member charities are listed. Check the box for each charity you wish to support, plus the amount you would like to contribute. That's it!

Is the DGA good for our community?

Nation-wide studies have shown that employees prefer more choices in their workplace giving campaigns. When given more choices, their level of giving increases significantly! You can find these studies, and more information about the DGA at: www.directedgiving.org

For answers to more frequently asked questions about the DGA, please visit our website at:

www.directedgiving.org

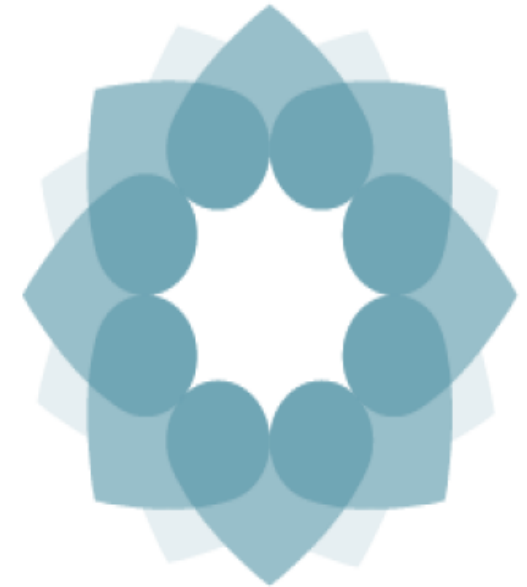


All agencies listed on the Directed Giving Alliance pledge form obtained the Independent Charities Seal of Excellence.

This distinction is awarded based upon annual reviews of the nonprofit organization, and certifies that this agency meets or exceeds the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness.

Of all the charities operating in the United States today, it is estimated less than 10 percent meet or exceed these standards. For more about the Seal of Excellence, please visit:

<http://www.lic.org/bia.asp>



Directed Giving Alliance
of Olmsted County

*Helping to
provide YOU
with direct control
of where your
contributions go!*

www.directedgiving.org

See the reverse side for information about the missions of each charity on the Directed Giving Alliance pledge form!

Your giving options with the Directed Giving Alliance:

L.I.C. (GIVE TO ALL) ► Your gift will be equally distributed to all listed charities on the pledge form.

American Red Cross: Provides relief to victims of disasters, emergency communications for military personnel, collects blood and teaches safety courses.

Arc Southeastern Minnesota: Provides advocacy, support and education to persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

Bear Creek Services: Provides group homes for individuals with disabilities and traumatic brain injuries, and hosts additional programs for children with disabilities.

Bolder Options: Activity-based, one-to-one mentoring program 10-14 year old youth; includes running, academics, and volunteerism to build self-esteem.

Boy Scouts of America: Our programs help youth to succeed by building life and leadership skills through engaging, age-appropriate programs.

Dorothy Day House: Provides a short-term live-in situation for people who are homeless or in a personal crisis; people who are in need of food, shelter and clothing.

Diversity Council: We educate people to embrace diversity as a foundation for building a healthy, inclusive, and prosperous community where everyone is respected.

Paws and Claws Humane Society: Provides protection, shelter, adoption, and educational services for abandoned animals.

Gift of Life Transplant House: Provide transplant patients and their caregivers with high quality, affordable accommodations in a supportive environment.

RNeighbors: Works to organize and encourage neighbors to interact with one another and build relationships that foster a diverse and welcoming community.

Rochester Arts Council: We feed the artistic souls of children and adults by supporting and promoting arts and cultural activities.

Rochester Better Chance: Brings talented minority students from disadvantaged inner-city communities to attend John Marshall HS, while providing a nurturing home.

Rochester Public School Foundation: Dedicated to raising and distributing local resources to enhance educational opportunities for students and staff.

Rochester Senior Center: Older adults want to age well, remain active and be independent. Through programs, activities and services we help them do just that.

RT Autism Awareness Foundation: Autism diagnosis is emotional for the individuals and their families. We provide much needed support and advocacy.

Samaritan Bethany: Provides quality health care via skilled nursing care, independent and assisted living, long and short-term rehabilitation, and memory care.

Seasons Hospice: A community based, non-profit hospice providing specialized care to persons with a life-limiting illness, while supporting their loved ones.

SE Minnesota Youth Orchestra: Helps to provide opportunities for youth between elementary through high school participate in four different levels of ensembles.

Wing House / Fresh Start: Provides residential living with special services and a separate day program for adults with traumatic brain injury or neurologic disorder.

Women's Shelter, Inc.: For victims of domestic violence, we provide 24 hour crisis lines, shelter, advocacy, transportation, court advocacy and child care.