

CAFAmerica

CAFAmerica is a tax-exempt organization, which supports, promotes and facilitates global philanthropy. Our job at CAFAmerica is to remove the obstacles to international giving in order to increase the flow of funds to charitable organizations around the world. While we can recommend charities for assistance, our goal is to help donors reach charities outside of the United States, rather than to solicit funds on behalf of international charities. Most of our contributors know the international community to which they would like to make a gift, but they have been unable to find a cost effective and/or tax exempt method for supporting groups outside of the United States. The services provided by CAFAmerica can bridge the gap between philanthropic goals and cost effective giving.

The Foundation is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization described in Section 501(c)(3) and a public charity described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and 509(a)(1). Thus, donors may claim the maximum tax benefits allowed by law for their contributions without the need for equivalency affidavits, letters of counsel or expenditure responsibility. A copy of our exemption and IRS Form 990 are available upon request.

We are affiliated with the Charities Aid Foundation international network, which comprises offices and representatives in the United Kingdom, Australia, India, Bulgaria, Russia and South Africa. Our voluntary participation in this group allows us to tap into over seventy years of experience in international giving and donor services, as well as on the ground knowledge of charitable organizations throughout the world.

We offer three primary programs: Individual Gifts, Donor Advised Funds and Matching Donor Advised Funds. Regardless of the program, each charity is reviewed by an eligibility review committee, and the CAFAmerica Board of Directors reviews grants on a monthly basis.

Individual gifts may be made to CAFAmerica at any time. A charity may be suggested, or CAFAmerica can recommend a charity in the country or field of your choice. The administrative costs associated with making an individual gift to CAFAmerica are five percent of the first \$24,000, one percent of the next \$95,000, and one-tenth of one percent on all other funds per gift.

Giving to Mercy Trucks through CAFAmerica

Increase the value of gifts by up to 20%

Many charities receive or want to attract funds from America. Many donors already use CAFAmerica services and suggest that your charity receives a grant. CAFAmerica's mission is to encourage greater numbers of American donors to support the work of foreign charities. Recently they received a grant to encourage more US donors who are new to CAFAmerica services to give internationally. The new grants incentive will mean that CAFAmerica will add up to 20% to the total value of the first grant they make to us! So now is a good time to for you, as a potential American donor, to use CAFAmerica for your grant making and mention you want to make a use of the new grants incentive to support our work.

This could result in us receiving up to \$5,000 on top of the original grant suggestion. It doesn't matter how long any of our US donors have been supporting our charity. As long as you are new to using CAFAmerica services they will add the incentive. Our donors could include individuals, company foundation, private or family or community foundation. Any type of donor that is new to CAFAmerica will qualify for this one-off grants incentive which will run until the grant they have received expires. So the time has never been better to encourage American donors and to give via CAFAmerica this holiday season.

Why US donors should be keen to use CAFAmerica's services

Donors in the US, giving to a non-profit are able to reclaim all the tax they have made on their gift. This differs markedly to the UK, where it is the charity that gets the tax benefit. Many US donors want to support causes overseas and, here again, they can reclaim the tax they have paid - but the relevant regulations can be onerous. Just like CAF in the UK, CAFAmerica offers US donors a range of services to help them support the charity of their choice and in a tax-effective manner. It also offers US residents a variety of methods whereby they can support overseas organisations. In addition, it offers advice and guidance on ways to plan giving. The whole process is simplified, which is why so many donors return to use CAFAmerica time and time again.

Increased scrutiny following 11 September 2001

Since September 11, 2001 the US Government has become wary of many overseas organisations and has introduced many new regulations that make it difficult to get money out of the US. Perhaps the most significant of these, for charitable purposes at least, is an obligation of 'due diligence' that has been placed on donors. By using CAFAmerica, however, donors are freed from this obligation, as ALL checks will be carried out on their behalf. Using CAFAmerica helps US donors to make the most of their giving.

